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AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

At the Annual Meeting on Saturday R. W. Smith was Elected President.

The annual meeting of the Columbia County Agricultural, Horticultural and Mechanical Association was held at the Court House Saturday afternoon. The meeting was called to order at two o'clock by the President John S. Mensch. He stated the object of the meeting and asked for the nomination and election of a chairman. F. B. Hartman's name was offered, and was elected chairman without any opposition. He thanked the members for the honor conferred upon him and immediately went on with the business, the next being the selection of two secretaries.

G. M. Quick, C. E. Randall and J. C. Rutter, Jr. were nominated. Mr. Rutter declined the nomination and Messrs Randall and Quick were unanimously elected. Mr. W. B. Allen was elected Reading Clerk. Mr Allen read the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved. The roll of all members in good standing was then called. One hundred and three out of a hundred and ninety-six perpetual members were present, and thirty-six out of forty-nine members paid annual dues for 1896.

When the salary question was reached, Ellis Eves, Ex-President of Millville, offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by William Krickbaum:

Resolved: That it is the sense of this meeting and the board be so instructed that if the income for any year be not sufficient to pay all the fixed charges, interest and premiums awarded, the amount after paying all fixed charges and interest, shall be applied on premiums pro rata to the end that no more indebtedness shall be incurred.

The motion made by A. P. Young to amend the resolution so that when the income is not sufficient to pay the premiums, the salaries of the officers be cut pro rata was put to a vote and lost.

Mr. Young moved that the salaries of the officers be cut down twenty-five per cent, but the motion received no second, whereupon K. C. Ent moved and it was seconded that the salaries remain the same as last year. Some of the members requesting to know what the salaries are, the salaries paid last year were read.

President,	per annum.....	$75.00
Ex. Committee,	per annum...	50.00
Treasurer,	" "	100.00
Secretary,	" "	125.00
Librarian,	" "	50.00
Auditors,	per day.....	3.00

The question was put and carried that the salaries remain the same.

The next was the nomination and election of officers.

R. W. Smith of Mifflinville, and H. V. White of Bloomsburg, were named for President. Mr. White declined, and Mr. Smith was elected.

Five persons were placed in nomination for Vice President, and W. A. Evert and T. D. Strauss were appointed as tellers. The result was as follows:

Stephen Pettit of Scott,.....127.
A. C. Creasy of Centre,.....124.
Elliot Adams of Briarcreek,...143.
J. T. Reeder of Franklin,.....100.
Thomas Mensch of Franklin,.. 90.

The first four having the highest number of votes were elected.

C. H. Campbell, Harry Barton and Thomas Hagenbuch were appointed tellers for the, election of an Executive Committee, six nominated and three elected. It resulted as follows:

F. P. Hagenbuch of Centre,..105.
I. B. Ikeler of Greenwood,.... 78.
E. H. Sloan of Orange,..... 84.
Harry Deighmiller of Hemlock, 71.
William Mericle of Madison,.. 29.
F. W. Heller of Millville,..... 59.

The first three were elected.

The following officers were all elected without opposition:

Treasurer—J. C. Brown, Bloomsburg; Secretary—A. N. Yost, Bloomsburg; Librarian—W. B. Allen, Bloomsburg; Auditors—William Masters, J. B. DeLong and W. H. Snyder. Member of State Board—H. V. White.

Hon. W. T. Creasy was re-elected to assist the County Committee in organizing institutes in the county.

Chandlee Eves, a member of the State Board for the past nineteen years thanked the Association for sending him as their representative for so many years.

The Board is to decide how many days the fair shall be held.

The business of the meeting completed, it was declared adjourned.

Mrs. Fry, a widow lady aged eighty years, died in Centre township on Sunday.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

All the commissioners were present at the meeting held on Saturday. Orders were issued on the treasurer for payment of the following bills:

To Guy Jacoby, J. P., for his fees in commonwealth cases against the following persons:

Two cases of Arthur Thomas and Chas. Crossley, one of Isaac Yocum, John Finan, Jonas Johnson, Mattie Dodson, Gene Shaffer, B. W. Fulton and O. D. L. Kostenbauder, Furman E. Smith and Jared Williams, amounting to.....	$ 26 15
To Daniel Laycock in latter case....	1 20
To Harrison Kreisher, road damages in Cleveland township near his place.....	12 00
To Peter Jones for benches at jail and repairs to gate at barn.....	3 00
To J. W. Rider for filling done to Esther bridge abutment, Locust twp., contracted by the old board	30 00
To Stenographer Walker for..... (For eight days services at Dec. Court $80, notes in two cases $5 and transcript of paid notes $27.24, the same being approved by the Court.)	112 24
To Bloom Electric Light and Power Co..... ($10.87 for arc light in front of court house, which contract was entered into by the old board Oct. last for one year and four incandescent lights for the town clock and one in the water closet at $1 a month each.)	$ 25 87

One to W. E. Eveland, road view in Pine and one to Thomas Gorey for repairs to floor and vault window, &c, in the Prothonotary's office. Several bills presented and held over or refused. One was for milk furnished for one of the prisoners by an outside party. Amount of orders issued to date $302.36.

At the meeting on Tuesday an order was issued to the Belle Telephone Co. for quarter ending July 1, '97, $12.25 for use of telephone in Court House.

On the 4th inst., one to the postmaster for stamps and box rent $3.00.

On the 3 inst., to Wm. Heavner, of Nescopeck, for repairs to Rittenhouse bridge, in Briarcreek township, done under order of the old board, $7.50.

The bridge over Roaringcreek, on the county line between Columbia and Montour was reported to be in bad condition. Mr. Gordon is to represent this county to see that the same is repaired.

The commissioners agreed upon Tuesday as the day to take up the matter of indexing, and the matter of coroners inquests, will be attended to on Saturday the 23d.

To Treat Consumption.

The Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Society for the prevention of Tuberculosis has secured a site for the establishing of a State sanitarium for the treatment of consumption in its incipient stages, and steps have already been taken to secure the $15,000 necessary toward the erection of the buildings.

The site secured is near White Haven, Luzerne county, not far from Glen Summit, and contains nearly 600 acres. It is on the Blue Ridge slope, and is 1,700 feet above the sea level. The climate is dry and the locality naturally adapted for a sanitarium. The hospital will consist of five pavilions, each capable of accommodating from fifteen to twenty patients. State aid is to be solicited and a bill appropriating $100,000 to the society is to be introduced during the coming session. It is proposed to make the institution absolutely free, although at a later date extra pavilions will be erected for patients who desire more private apartments.

Women as Lawyers.

Two Admitted to Practice in the United States Supreme Court.

An interesting ceremony was witnessed in the supreme court of the United States on Monday, in the presentation for admission to practice before the court of two ladies by sisters in the profession who had previously attained the priviledge.

The half dozen female lawyers whose names had hitherto been added to the roll of practicing attorneys had been presented to the court by brothers at the bar, and to-day for the first time in its history the court enrolled a female attorney upon the motion of one of her own sex.

The candidates were Catharine H. Pier, of Milwaukee, Wis., nominated by her sister, Kate H. Pier, of the same city; and Alice A. Minick, of Lincoln, who was vouched for by her sponsor, Belva A. Lockwood, of Washington.

The Bloomsburg Social Club will hold a dance in Social Club Hall, corner Main and Iron Streets, to-night. Music will be furnished by Wyle's Orchestra.

LICENSE COURT.

Court convened on Monday morning, with all the judges on the bench. The court after disposing of some other matters, took up the licenses, the old ones were all granted.

The new licenses of Harvey Dietrick and J. A. Hess, occupied the attention of the court for some time as remonstrances had been filed against both of them. After hearing the witnesses on both sides the licenses were granted. These two cases seemed to be the cause of attracting many people to the Court House.

The other new licenses granted were to A. O. Stonge, for a hotel license at his residence in Montour township, halfway between Bloomsburg and Danville.

To Geo. Crossley for restaurant license at Benton.

S. Fegley's license at Rohrsburg was granted on condition that it must be transferred to some one else in 60 days.

After granting the licenses the following business was disposed of:

Estate of William Wright, deceased. Fred. Ikeler's appointment as auditor is stricken off and C. G. Barkley appointed.

Locust Mountain Coal and Iron Co., appointed supervisors of roads in Conyngham township.

Mary J. Tucker vs. Charles J. Tucker, Decree of divorce allowed.

Estate of C. D. Ellis, dec'd. Motion made for an attachment against W. H. Ellis, administrator for failure to file an account, returnable at next Argument Court.

Papers on motion to dissolve Bloomsburg Belt line, submitted to the Court

Argument Court fixed for January 25 at nine o'clock.

Barthlomay Brewing Co. vs. Josiah Gigger. Motion made for rule to show cause why the judgment should not be opened, on account of certain declarations made by the plaintiff at the time of its execution, which prejudiced his rights. The papers were given to the Court.

Since the announcement was made that the term of Nathan C. Schaeffer, State Superintendent of Schools, expires in June, and that there was already in the field an applicant for the position, the work of the chief of the school department has been under the review of the press of the State. Many comments have been made on the excellency of Dr. Schaeffer's administration, and there has been no protest as yet against his re-appointment. The newspapers in Pennsylvania seem to be unanimous in asking that he be given another term.

Frank N. Moore, special agent of the department of agriculture, while going the rounds of the candy trade, discovered in the analysis on candy that a large per centage contained rum and brandy. This candy sells for 40 and 50 cents a pound, and the dealers say it is largely sought after by boys and girls between the ages of ten and sixteen. Mr. Moore also had a sample of rock and rye drops which got its name from the fact that no rock and rye was found in its ingredients, but instead contained a liberal quantity of tartaric acid.

This year being the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the permanent organization of the Reformed Church in this county under Rev. Michael Schlatter, an historical address upon the life and labors of this missionary will be delivered in the pastoral charge of Rev. A. Houtz as follows: On Sunday January 24 at Orangeville at 10:30 A. M., on Sunday January 31, St. James at 10:15 A. M., and Zion at 2:15 P. M., and Sunday February 7, Hidlay at 10:30 A. M., and Briarcreek at 2:30 P. M.

At the annual meeting of the Briarcreek Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, held on Tuesday, January 11th, the following officers were elected: Directors: J. G. Swank, Lafayette Creasy, Geo. Conner, D. Bryfogle, A. W. Spear, H. C. Barton, A. P. Young, H. H. Brown, J. H. Eck, D. K. Laubach, T. E. Moore, and S. E. Morse. Auditor, W. T. Creasy. President, J. G. Swank. Secretary, H. H. Brown. Treasurer, Lafayette Creasy.

The following are the officers of the Y. M. C. A. Directors for one year—W. R. Kocher, E. B. Tustin, J. L. Wolverton, and C. H. Hagenbuch; for two years—A. N. Yost, M. I. Low, Jno. Aikman, and F. N. Turner; for three years—Prof. L. P. Sterner, O. W. Cherrington, Jas. Magee 2nd, and W. B. Cummings. Trustee for six months, C. W. Miller.

TWO FATALITIES AT SHENANDOAH.

Bachelor Burned to Death and a Widow Suffocated by Coal Gas.

Patrick Stevens was burned to death in his home on West Cherry Street, Shenandoah on Sunday morning. Stevens was a bachelor about 45 years of age, and lived alone. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is thought a hot coal ignited the bedding that was near the range.

Mrs. Anna Mitchell, a widow residing alone was suffocated by coal gas in her sleeping apartments. The neighbors missed her Saturday morning and forced an entrance to her room when they found her dead in bed. The gas had been generated by a range in a room adjoining the sleeping apartment.

KILLED HIS PLAYMATE.

Michael Maley and Peter Munley, two little seven year olds, were playing at the Maley home, near Shenandoah, on Monday night, when they found an old revolver in a bureau drawer. They had played with it for some time when Maley pulled up the hammer and, pointing it at his companion, pulled the trigger. The weapon was discharged, the ball passing through the little fellow's abdomen. He lingered until 5 o'clock Tuesday morning when he died.

While the services were in progress at the Episcopal Church on Sunday morning, one of the laurel which had been wound around the large pillars for the Christmas services caught fire from the gas jet, and at once the whole congregation became excited, but with the prompt action of some of the men using their overcoats the flames were soon smothered. It was a close call, and all present were thoroughly frightened.

"Side by side in the columns of the Altoona papers, the other morning," says an exchange, "were accounts of a woman starving to death in that city and of the amount that had been subscribed to the quick charity fund. They had better make their charity a little quicker up there or give it an other name.

The county auditors are still at work on the statements of the commissioners and treasurer, and are not likely to get through this week. Thus far they state that they have found nothing that indicates a big steal anywhere, though some accounts were in such a shape that it has required time to straighten them out.

The County Commissioners are in attendance at their office on Tuesdays and Saturdays of each week. Some of the time this will be sufficient to attend to their duties, and some of the time it will be necessary to put in more days in the week. They ought to be here whenever the public business requires their presence.

At Sunbury last week several doctors removed from the upper part of the back of O. P. Renn, bridge carpenter in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad, a tumor as large as a child's head. The operation was a success, and the patient is getting along nicely.

The wind on Sunday night was of a cyclonic nature, and brought back to ones mind that eventful night in September last, when roofs were blown off, trees torn up by the roots, and did other damage, the evidence of which can still be seen in many places.

Councilman J. H. Deiffenderfer, of Milton, fell dead on the street in that place Friday. He was standing near a window and when he fell he struck the pane of glass, breaking it. He was a prominent Odd Fellow. His age was 44 years.

J. D. Hill of Hazleton, who had J. S. Williams arrested some time ago on the charge of not having an auctioneers' license, informed John by letter on Friday that he had withdrawn the suit.

Traveling men representing different makes of bicycles are already visiting this town with their, 97 wheels, and by the time the season opens up you will be able to purchase a bicycle of any desired make.

The horse belonging to dairyman Hagenbuch, which took sick while he was delivering milk last week, grew worse and it became necessary to kill the animal on Saturday as it was in great misery.

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JOSEPH GOLDSMITH,
Trustee.

Resolutions Adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, of Columbia County.

BLOOMSBURG, JAN. 19, 1897.

Resolved: That Tuesday and Saturday of each week be fixed as the regular meeting days of the board of County Commissioners at their office in the Court House, in Bloomsburg; at which time all persons having business with the county commissioners will appear and present the same or have it presented for consideration.

Resolved: That the resolution be published once in each of the newspapers published in the county.

PROVIDED, That no pay shall be allowed any member of the board for time at the office outside of regular meeting days except for adjourned meetings and meetings on call after each member has had due notice.

PROVIDED ALSO, That no bills be approved or orders drawn on the County Treasurer except at a meeting of the full board or of which the absent member has been duly notified or the same has been duly authorized at a previous meetmg regularly held by said board and so appearing on the minutes of the office; AND PROVIDED FURTHER: that the several members shall draw their pay quarterly beginning March 31, on bills properly made out and sworn to as required by law.

Attest, D. Z. MENSCH,
Commissioners' Office Clerk.
Bloomsburg, Pa.

The above Resolution was offered by Mr. Kitchen, whereupon Krickbaum offered the amendments and the same were adopted unanimously.

The commissions of postmasters, in the presidential offices will expire on the following dates: J. H. Mercer Bloomsburg, salary, $2300, February 5, 1898. Louis J, Townsend, Berwick, salary, $1600, January 6, 1900. C. J. Pohe, Catawissa, salary $1100, May 6, 1900.

Al. G. Field's Company of 65 people in "Darkest America," pleased a large audience at the Opera House on Friday night. If the management would secure more such plays the attendance would be a great deal larger.

TOWN COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the Council was held last night. President Holmes, and members Gorrey, Rawlings, Richards, Br bst, Kunkle and Kocher being present.

The object of this meeting was to devise some way of wiping out the present indebtedness of the town without raising the tax rate.

Mr. Gorrey offered a resolution, providing a means by which this debt could be extinguished, but owing to the absence of the Town Solicitor and a diversity of opinion among the members, the resolution was not voted upon, but laid over until to-night, when is hoped the Solicitor will be present to advise the Council as to the proper and legal way to act.

Building permit granted to Mrs. Elizabeth Vannatta for a house on northeast corner of Fourth and Penn Street.

It was moved and seconded that orders be drawn for the following amounts:

To Electric Light Co. for three months light $1200.

To Mrs. Yetter for damages to property $740.00.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned, to meet again to-night at seven o'clock.

Mrs. Lucy Barkle, who formerly resided in this town died at the residence of L. C. Williams, in Orangeville, on Tuesday morning. The deceased was a member of the Episcopal church, and the wife of the late William Barkle, deceased, of Bloomsburg. Funeral services to-day, interment in Bloomsburg.

I. D. White retired from the position of manager of the Bloomsburg Store Co., on Tuesday, after ten years service. He is succeeded by A. H. Stroh, son-in-law of P. S. Harman.

Rev. I. E. Patterson preached in the Methodist Tabernacle last Sunday at morning and evening services. The pastor Rev. B. C. Conner, being confined to the house by sickness.

The Republicans will hold a caucus in the Town Hall on Saturday night, to select candidates for the coming election.

The Lady and the Golden Cat.

Several years ago I was stationed, as assistant surgeon, with my regiment at Orleans. In that ancient city, in spite of its many mansions of the old nobility, suitable apartments for bachelors are few and far between. I always want plenty of air space about me, and so I installed myself in a building on the outskirts of the city.

I rented half of the floor, comprising four rooms. I made my sleeping-chamber and work-room of the two which faced on the street; in the third I put plants and flowers; the fourth was left empty. A great balcony ran along the entire front of the house, on which I could stroll up and down—or rather on half of it, for it was divided in the middle by an iron fence so low that one could easily step over.

I had been living there about two months, when, one July evening, as I approached my rooms, I was surprised to see a brilliant light streaming from the windows of the uninhabited apartment.

"Ah! I have a neighbor," thought I and I was not especially pleased. Going to my room, I stepped noiselessly out upon the balcony; but the light had already been extinguished. I returned to my bedroom, and read for an hour or two. From time to time I seemed to hear about me in the building a sound as of light footsteps. At last I went to bed and to sleep.

In the middle of the night I suddenly awoke with a distinct sensation that some one was walking about near me. I got up and lit my candle. This is what I saw:

In the middle of the room stood a great cat, its back slightly arched, its tail erect, and its phosphorescent eyes fixed upon me. It was a superb Angora, with long, yellow hair of the color of raw silk. As the light shone upon it its fur gleamed like spun gold. I approached me with velvet steps, and softly rubbed its flexible body against my legs. I stopped to caress it, which it permitted, purring gently, and then as I got back into bed, it leaped up on the counterpane. It was a very young cat, and she seemed well disposed to let herself be caressed. I put her back on the floor, and tried to send out out of the room; but she evaded me, and took refuge under the furniture.

As soon as I had blown out the light, she leaped up on my bed again, but I paid no further attention to her, and soon went to sleep. It was broad day when I woke again, and the cat was nowhere to be seen.

The human mind is a delicate instrument, easily thrown out of gear. Recall the facts that I have just told you: a light seen, then extinguished, in an uninhabited apartment; an Angora cat of singular color which appeared and disappeared in a mysterious manner—there is nothing very startling in that, is there? Very well. Imagine, now, that this same program was repeated every night and under identically the same conditions for a week. Believe me, there is enough in that to effect the thoughts of a man who lives alone, and to give him those little shivers that herald the present of the unknowable. The human mind is so consituted that it unconsciously holds to the principle of a sufficient reason. For all series of identical phenomena, it demands a cause, a law. And it becomes uneasy if it does not discover that cause.

I am not a coward. But I know that fear feeds and grows upon uncertainty, while attempts to discover its cause reduce it to simple curiosity. I resolved, then, to investigate this matter, I questioned my orderly. He did not know my neighbors. Every morning an old woman came to take care of the other apartment. He had tried to draw her into conversation; but, whether she was completely deaf or not, she would vouchsafe no reply to him.

Nevertheless, I easily accounted for the first strange fact—the extinction of the light when I returned home. I had noticed that the windows next to mine were masked simply by a great lace curtain; moreover, the two balconies communicated. My neighbor, man or woman, therefore dreaded indiscreet glances, and extinguished the light on hearing me return. To verify my supposition, I had my orderly bring me from the mess a cold supper, early one [illegible] noon, and I did not leave my rooms that evening. When night had fallen, I took my stand near my window. Soon I saw the balcony lighted up from the window of the neighboring apartment. I gently opened the sash, and stepped out upon the balcony. At that moment, knowing that I exposed myself to a positive danger, either of breaking my neck or of engaging in a hand-to-hand struggle with some flesh-and-blood person, my nerves were perfectly calm. I reached the lighted window without having made the least sound. The window was half open. The curtains, transparent for me who was on the dark side, made me invisible to any one in the interior of the apartment.

I saw a large room filled with quaint, old-fashioned furniture, lighted by a hanging-lamp. At the back of the room was a low divan, on which lay a young and beautiful woman. She was clad in a loose wrap of some filmy material, and her unconfined hair fell about her shoulders like a golden garment. She gazed at herself in a hand-glass, bared her arms, and pressed her lips to the smooth, white flesh, and her supple body writhed with the graceful, languorous movements of a great feline. With every move she made, she seemed to scintillate with the glint of gold.

I was staring at her, spell-bound, when of a sudden the eyes of this strange and beautiful woman fixed themselves upon me—peculiar eyes of a phosphorescent green that seemed to burn with a lambent flame. I was sure that I was invisible to her, being on the dark side of the draped window; nevertheless, I felt that she saw me.

A cry escaped her, and she drew the garment about her and buried her face in the pillows.

I pushed open the window, and stepped quickly across the room. Bending over her hidden face, I poured out a torrent of excuses and accusations against myself. I called myself a boor and a coward. I implored her to strike me, to drive me away, but with a word of pardon. For a long time I continued to plead thus without a sign from her. At last she turned, and saw a young face, extraordinary and charming, which smiled at me.

"It is you, it is you," she murmured.

What she meant by that, I could not comprehend, but I, too, felt that I had seen her before—there was something in her face, her glance, her graceful movements, that awoke vague memories.

I stood gazing at her speechless, for a moment, and then a mad desire came over me to take her in my arms. But she read the thought in my eyes, and evading me with surprising agility, she ran to the lamp and extinguished it.

There was a mocking laugh, then silence. Hastily striking a match, I relit the lamp and looked about me. The woman was nowhere to be seen. I had heard no door open or close, and yet she was not in the room. Beside myself there was no living thing there, except the golden cat, which came to me and rubbed herself against my legs. I had not noticed her before, but evidently she had been asleep in some corner and my entrance had aroused her.

I could not very well search the apartment, so I waited a few moments and then returned by the balcony to my room. The light in the neighboring apartment streamed out from the window, but there was no sound to indicate a living presence.

As I pondered on the affair, I began to feel a vague fear of this woman, with her strange beauty and her enigmatic smile, who said to me "It is you!" as if she knew me. I could not drive away the memory of those green eyes that had flashed at me from the darkness as she extinguished the lamp nor of the electric shock that had thrilled me once when I touched her hair with my hand.

Scarcely was I in bed again when I felt a weight fall upon my legs. It was the golden cat. I pushed her away, but she returned. Finally I gave up the struggle and fell into a troubled sleep, with this strange companion, as on the other night, still on my bed.

The next night I again entered my strange neighbor's apartment. She seemed not surprised to see me now and we chatted together for half an hour, at the end of which time she dismissed me with a smile, but in a way not to be denied, and I returned to my own room. She had told me that her name was Linda, but beyond that she would give no information about herself.

And so it ran on for a week. What had taken place on the second night was repeated again and again. Scarce had I left Linda, and returned to my own room, when the golden cat appeared, leaped on my bed, installed herself there, and remained until morning. I knew now to whom the animal belonged. Once, when I spoke of it, Linda said: "Oh, yes, my cat. Is it not 'the one that seems to be of gold'?" Nothing new took place, but nevertheless little by little, an intangible terror took possession of me.

There were moments when these two beings, with their great green eyes their supple movements, and their glory of golden hair, became confused in my mind, and seemed to me to be only the dual form of a single soul. In spite of my importunities of Linda and my efforts to surprise her, I had never been able to reason with myself, to convince myself that, as a matter of fact there was nothing absolutely inexplicable in what had befallen me. I rallied myself on being afraid of a woman and a pet cat. And then, as the result of all my reasoning, I found that in reality I was afraid of neither of the animal nor of the woman, but of a symbolical duality which existed only in my own mind.

I actually suffered from this obsession. After the nights in their presence, I had days of secret torture such as mad-men undergo. Little by little a resolution was born, grew, and ripened in my mind; the woman held me by her beauty; but I resolved that I should kill the animal.

One evening, before going to Linda's room, I laid out from my supply of drugs a pot of glycerine, a flask of hydrocyanic acid, and one of those little glass sticks that chemists call mixing rods.

When I regained my room, the cat as usual followed me there. I called her and she ran to me, her back arched, her tail erect, purring. I took the glass rod, dipped the point in the glycerine, and held it toward the animal; she licked it dry with her rosy tongue. I repeated this operation three times. The fourth time I dipped the rod in the acid. The cat licked it unsuspiciously, and immediately she became rigid. Then she bounded into the air, and rolled over and over in terrible agony. Finally she fell back upon the floor with a fearful cry—a human cry, one would almost have said. She was dead.

With great beds of perspiration on my temples and my hands trembling violently, I leaned over the warm body. Her starting eyes had a look in them that froze me. Her black and swollen tongue stuck out between her sharp, white teeth. Her limbs were extraordinarily contoried. With an extreme effort of will, I took the animal up by her paws and left the house. I hurried straight before me down the deserted street to the quays, and there I threw my burden into the river.

Until day broke I wandered about the city, I knew not where. At last the sky grew pale with the coming dawn, and I decided to return to my house. As my hand touched the knob I shivered. I was afraid of finding still alive, as in Poe's celebrated story, the animal I had just killed. But no; my room was empty. I flung myself exhausted on the bed. For the first time in days I slept sure of being alone.

Next day they told me Linda had disappeared. In her room were found her clothes—everything she had, even to the filmy wrap she had always worn when I had seen her—but nothing that could reveal her identity. The proprietor had rented the apartment to "Mlle. Linda, lyric artist." He knew nothing more about her. Who she was and whither she went remain a mystery for which the story I have told offers the only hint of a solution.—Adapted from the French of Marcel Prevost.

Convincing.

A certain professor, on being asked what he knew upon a particular subject, replied:

"Nothing; I have not even lectured upon it, sir."—Tit-Bits.

QUAKER MARRIAGE CEREMONY.

How Members of the Society of Friends Marry Each Other.

A young man and woman in this city, belonging to the Society of Friends who have certified their intention of marriage at the City Hall, are undergoing the regular form which the society imposes by waiting for the approval of the monthly meeting before they can be married. The first stage in the proceeding is for them both to appear at the monthly meeting of the society, which is the only time that any business is done, and make known their intention. They both stand up before the meeting and the man says: "With Divine permission and Friends' approbation I declare my intention to take this woman (and he calls her name) to be my wife," and then they sit down. But the sanction of the society for the marriage requires more than this formality. It is never granted unless both parties are Friends, and so if one of the young people is out of the fold they have to be married without the formal approval of the society.

When the approval is secured the couple marry themselves. The ceremony is appointed by the society to take place at some regular meeting, or else at one specially appointed. In the latter case it may be at a house where any one of the society has the right to be present. But the most interesting ceremony is that which takes place in a regular assembly of the society at the meeting house. Any one who has been to a Quaker service knows the fashion of the meeting house, with its high seats in front, facing the rest of the meeting. The elders usually sit there but when a couple of young people are going to get married they have to occupy this conspicuous place, and have to stand up bravely, without minister or elder, and marry themselves.

An old Quaker minister who said he had seen six couples stand up in this way before the congregation was asked why the young people had to do it alone, and he said it was a matter that did not concern an intermediate person, but rested between themselves and God. Then he described how the young man would stand up in that high-perched place in the meeting house along with his bride, and, taking her hand say: "In the presence of God and this assembly, I take thee, A. B., to be my wife, promising to be unto thee an affectionate and loving husband until the hand of the Lord by death shall separate us." The bride then speaks in a similar fashion.

At the end of this ceremony a minister prays or speaks, and then, when there is a pause and the spirit moves no one else, the meeting is adjourned. At the close of the meeting the marriage certificate, which is made of parchment, is brought forward, and any one can sign it. A special law sanctions this marriage ceremony. This document, which amounts to the legal sanction of the marriage, is greatly prized among the descendants of Friends, so much so that the children often have similar marriage certificates made for themselves, though they may have been married outside the society —Worcester Gazette.

What Would Happen.

Under the condition set forth in the question, we must imagine that the moon would always be exactly over one spot of the earth's surface. At night therefore, that part of the earth would always be illuminated, unless the position—which is most probable—would result in an eclipse; but the other portions of the earth would be in total darkness at night. The effect on navigation would be revolutionary. The phenomenon of the tides would practically cease. Consequently, many tidal rivers would run low constantly and flourishing ports go to ruin. Not only so, but the distribution of the water on the earth's surface would be seriously altered. If the moon stood still the waters on that side of the earth where the moon was stationed would rise in one huge mass, while the opposite side of the earth would have a smaller bulk. The waters, however, at the sides of the earth would practically disappear. This would undoubtedly mean that many portions of the earth now dry would be flooded, and vice versa. Not only so, but the shape of the planet would—to an outside observer—change. The solid portions would remain rigid, but the general contour would appear to be egg-shaped, the greater end being turned toward the moon, and the point away from it.

Why Thunder Rolls.

The prolonged roll of thunder is readily explained by comparison with a volley fired along a line of troops. Suppose troops to be drawn up in line in such number as to extend for a mile, and ordered, by a signal that all could see, to fire at once. One standing at the end of the line would hear the report of the musket nearest him instantly. He would hear the others successively.

Thus a report 558 feet away would come to him in half a second, and he would not hear the last report for five or six seconds after the gun had been fired. This would produce a sort of roll, which would gradually increase to intensity. Flashes of lightning may be considered as representing three lines of troops along which the explosions occur at the same time. Consider the variety of distance and position of the listener, and we account for the variety of sound in thunder. In mountainous regions the rolling is augmented by reverberations or echoes.

Dublin Opera Audiences.

Signor Arditi has personally conducted orchestras all over the world, from Havana to Constantinople, from Chicago to Madrid, but for a hearty, appreciative operatic audience, give him Dublin! There the gallery would greet him with shouts of "Viva Victor Emmanuel!" "Where's your wig?" and "How's the Maccaroni?"; would sing songs and glees in the entr'actes, and interrupted Giuglini in the middle of "Ah si, ben mio" with "Ah, Begorra, and Mario's a fine singer, but sure we like your singing best, and that's the truth." It was this same gallery which in the sleep-walking scene of "Macbeth," when the nurse and doctor appear on the stage together, shouted: "Hallo, doctor! Well, is it a boy or a girl?"—London Chronicle.

Cuban War will go On.

Official Denial that Olney and Delome Have Signed Peace Articles.

Senor Gonzales Quesada, the head of the Cuban junta in Washington, was informed Friday morning that a story had been published to the effect that Secretary Olney and Minister Delome had drawn up articles to end the Cuban war, on the lines proposed by General Gomez. Senor Quesada emphatically denied that any such action had been taken or could be approved by the Cubans. He said the story was absolutely false, as General Gomez had never proposed any reform whatever, nor was there a Cuban in the island that would accept anything but absolute independence.

Both at the state department and the Spanish legation emphatic denials are made that any provisional draft of terms of surrender has been received by Secretary Olney, and discussed by him and Dupuy Delome, the Spanish minister. Senor Pablo Solar, mentioned as the messenger who arrived here from Madrid, bringing the important document, is the second secretary of the Spanish legation, and arrived here and took charge of his duties more than three weeks ago.

Senor Delome has not had an interview with Secretary Olney except at the formal receptions for more than a week. There has been absolutely no change in the situation since the president's annual message to congress.

Skyscrapers of the Future.

Fifteen years ago the idea of constructing 25 and 30 story buildings buildings would have been deemed too wildly improbable to deserve consideration. They are now realized. Some of the tall buildings that have been erected since that time are, from an architectural standpoint, unattractive, but many of the more recent ones are beautiful and desirable. What the next 15 years may develop can scarcely be conjectured. Artistic and philanthropic minds, assisted by intelligent legislation, may accomplish what may now seem miraculous. Instead of buildings wretchedly lighted and ventilated composing the solid wall-like street fronts with scarcely any variation of sky line, color or design, there may be structures perfect in their adaptation to the special purposes each is to subserve, separated from each other by smooth walks, well lawns, blooming flower gardens and clean streets, representing in their designs all that is best in every style of architecture from the remotest ages to the present time, enriched and diversified by color and varying in magnitude from the romantic single story Swiss cottage with thatched roof to the towering office buildings piercing the sky with a thousand "turrets and spires and gilded domes."—A. L. A. Himmelwright in *North American Review*.

All He Wanted.

J. Emory Storrs lost a divorce case by the wit of his opponent. He had brought suit for divorce on behalf of a woman, who asked for possession of two children. The husband made a vigorous protest, and employed a young lawyer of ability to defend the suit. The defence had the best case so far as the evidence went, but Mr. Storrs made one of his characteristically strong speeches, with an eloquent plea on behalf of the mother and her two children. The effect on the jury was apparent. He concluded his speech with that trite exclamation of Patrick Henry, "Give me liberty or give me death!" The young attorney arose deliberately and said: "Mr. Bailiff, you can give me a glass of water."—Chicago *Times-Herald*.

How the Devil Made the Hills.

The existence of hills and mountains is accounted for in legendary lore in this wise: When the Lord was about to fashion the face of the earth, he ordered the devil to dive into the watery depths and bring up his hands full of the earth he might find at the bottom. The devil obeyed, but when he filled his hands he filled his mouth also. The Lord took the soil and sprinkled it around, and the earth appeared, but was perfectly flat. The devil, who still had his mouth full of earth, looked on for some time in silence. At last he tried to speak, but choked and fled in terror. After him followed the two demons, thunder and lightning, and so he rushed about over the face of the earth, spitting earth as he went, each portion of the earth forming itself into a hill. Wherever he took a violent fit of coughing and spitting sky cleaving mountains leaped into view.—*St. Louis Republic*.

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Want to Hear Bryan.

In the Missouri State Senate on Thursday, a joint resolution was adopted providing that an invitation be given Wm. J. Bryan to visit Jefferson City and deliver an address before the Legislature. The House adopted the resolution.

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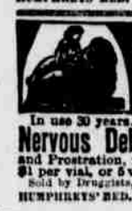

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WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15th, 1897.

A new scheme is being hatched by republican Senators to enable their party to control the Senate after the 4th of March, that is as daring and audacious as anything ever attempted in this country in the political line. The first step in this scheme was taken this week when Senator Chandler, who is an adept in tricky politics, offered a petition in the Senate from Henry A. Du Pont and eleven members of the Delaware legislature, asking that the Senate reconsider the vote whereby it declared Mr. Du Pont not entitled to a seat in the Senate. This scheme never would have been sprung had it not become certain that the democrats would elect a Senator to fill the Delaware vacancy. Those who are behind it do not expect to seat Du Pont, but they hope by getting his claim before the Senate again to prevent the seating of the democrat who will be elected by the present Delaware legislature. With one vacancy in the Senate 45 will be a majority, but if that vacancy is filled by a democrat, the republicans must have 46 votes to control the Senate. See? The petition was referred to the committee on Privileges and Elections, which consists of five republicans and four democrats, but as Senator Palmer, of Illinois, is one of the latter, the republicans may, be said to have two-thirds of the committee.

Senator Vest, who has just returned from a triumphant re-election, revived the drooping spirits of those who believe that something ought to be done for Cuba before this session of Congress closes by declaring his intention to devote his time exclusively to getting something done for Cuba, because he believes that to be the most important question before this Congress. When Senator Vest devotes his exclusive time to anything, the country is pretty certain to hear about it. So, look out! Speeches were made this week by Senators Mills and Bacon in advocacy of the Mills Cuban resolution, which provides for recognition of Cuban independence and the appointment of a U. S. Minister to Cuba.

At last Speaker Reed has filled the democratic vacancies on the House committees. Representative Bailey, of Texas, got the place on the Committee on Rules, Representative Boatner, of La., goes on the committee on Ways and Means, Representative Stokes of S. C. on the committee on Agriculture, and Representative Crisp, of Ga., son of the late ex-Speaker, who is known as the "boy member," was given the vacancy on the Post Office committee.

One episode occurred in connection with the Pacific Railroad Funding bill, that was this week defeated by the House, that in the old days would have resulted in a duel, or perhaps two. Representative Johnson, of Cal., the only member from that state who supported the funding bill, made an unprintable speech in which he made unprintable charges against W. R. Hearst, whose New York and San Francisco papers had made a hot fight against the bill. For this he was called a coward by Representative Cooper, of Wis., and in addition to being called a coward by Representative Maguire, of Cal., Johnson was reminded of his having been indicted in Syracuse, N. Y. some years ago, for forgery. This last speech was too much for the House and it was ordered to be struck out of the Record. Instead of challenging one or both of the men who had called him a coward, as the old-timer would have done, Johnson merely dared them to do it again, outside, in these words:—"If either the gentleman from Wisconsin or the gentleman from California thinks I am cowardly, let either repeat to me outside this chamber what he has said inside, and his curiosity will be appeased."

Representative Dockery, of Mo., who spent the Congressional recess at home, says: "The samples of prosperity we have out there are not satisfactory. The advance agent is too far ahead of his show."

There may be honest differences of opinion as to whether Secretary Olney is a great statesman, notwithstanding the qualified endorsement of him as a statesman and a diplomat by ex-President Harrison, but no Senator will deny that he has a great gall. He has set the whole country laughing at the Senate, and the Senate has no way to get even with him, except to prevent ratification of the arbitration treaty between the U. S. and Great Britain, which he was instrumental in negotiating and which this week went to the Senate. The Senate has for many years been sore on the matter of treaties, because of the mysterious manner in which the newspaper men have managed to get hold of copies of them almost as soon as the Senate did. Secretary Olney defied the traditions of the Senate by furnishing a newspaper correspondent with a copy of the new treaty as soon as it was signed, and after the treaty had been widely published in the newspapers the members of the Senate Committee on Foreign relations made laughing stocks of themselves by wasting time in discussing whether its publication should be authorized.

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ELECTORAL VOTE BY STATES.

The Division of It Between Sewall and Watson.

The electoral vote by the States, as the result of the meeting of the various State Electors last week is:

States.	McKinley and Hobart.	Bryan,	Sewall,	Watson.
Alabama	..	11	11	..
Arkansas	..	8	5	3
California	8	1	:	..
Colorado	..	4	4	..
Connecticut	6	..	..	..
Delaware	3	..	..	..
Florida	..	4	4	..
Georgia	..	13	13	..
Idaho	..	3	3	..
Illinois	24	..	..	..
Indiana	15	..	..	..
Iowa	13	..	..	..
Kansas	..	10	10	..
Kentucky	12	1	1	..
Louisiana	..	8	8	..
Maine	6	..	..	..
Maryland	8	..	..	..
Massachusetts	15	..	..	..
Michigan	14	..	..	..
Minnesota	9	..	..	..
Mississippi	..	9	9	..
Missouri	..	17	13	4
Montana	..	3	3	..
Nebraska	..	8	4	4
Nevada	..	3	3	..
New Hampshire	4	..	..	..
New Jersey	10	..	..	..
New York	36	..	..	..
North Carolina	..	11	6	5
North Dakota	3	..	..	..
Ohio	23	..	..	..
Oregon	4	..	..	..
Pennsylvania	32	..	..	..
Rhode Island	4	..	..	..
South Carolina	..	9	9	..
South Dakota	..	4	4	..
Tennessee	..	12	12	..
Texas	..	15	15	..
Utah	..	3	2	1
Vermont	4	..	..	..
Virginia	..	12	12	..
Washington	..	4	4	..
West Virginia	6	..	..	..
Wisconsin	12	..	..	..
Wyoming	..	3	2	1
Totals	271	176	158	18

The official declaration of the vote of the Electors will be made in a joint session of the Senate and House of Representative next month.

Judges Harsh Sentence.

In sentencing Paul Toneska to four months imprisonment in the couuty jail, Judge Ikeler delivered a remarkable judicial utterance in order to impose the strictest penalty upon the prisoner. The judge instructed the sheriff to make Toneska's imprisonment "as hard as possible, and allow him to receive only enough food to sustain life" as long as he remained in jail.—*Harrisburg Patriot.*

Going to Fight for Cuba.

An army officer has left the service of the United States to accept a commission in the Cuban army. The man is Second Lieutenant Charles E. Mays, of the 18th infantry, who is a native of Illinois, and rose from the ranks five years ago. In his resignation, which was accepted by the president Friday, to date from January 6, he made no reference to his future movements, but in transmitting his resignation to his colonel he said that he was going to fight for Cuba's freedom.

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The whooping cough ought to be right in line with the ailments of an undertaker as he is engaged in the coffin business.

TO HEAR BY THE HANDS.

Scotch Electrician's Device to Enable Deaf to Enjoy Music.

By means of an invention of Dr. Thomas McKendrick, a noted expert in electro-therapeutics of Glasgow, Scotland, it is possible for the deaf to hear music. To accomplish it the deaf person must dip his hands into a tub of water. A phonograph is used for supplying the music. The sound waves are directed into a regular telephone transmitter. The transmitter connects with a series of batteries under the tub, connecting therewith. The harmony is carried to the brain through the hands.

The principle on which Dr. McKendrick based his idea is one which is but little understood. Water is one of the best conductors of electricity known. Dr. William Harvey King, an electro-therapeutical expert of New York, who has studied Dr. McKendrick's discovery, said in the New York Herald a few days ago that the great difficulty which had always baffled experimenters in this line was that the batteries used did not produce the perfect rhythmical vibrations necessary.

"We have made this experiment with the Faradic battery," said Dr. King "but, to speak technically for a moment, the long period of cessation between the 'make' and the 'break' destroys the rhythm, and consequently the sensation is not transmitted. The European expert has prepared a special battery, the secret of which he still retains."

The process by which the rhythm of music is transferred through the nerves to the nerve centre of the brain is clearly described by Dr. King.

"If you have ever been aboard a small steam vessel which was being propelled at a high rate of speed by machinery of high horse power," said Dr. King, "you have no doubt felt the unbroken or rhythmical vibrations going through the body of the craft. Now a deaf person, under the condition cited, hears these vibrations as well as one whose auditory nerves are perfectly normal. While the sensation of listening to the music is accomplished on the same general principle as I have just described the effect on the deaf would be much more striking and agreeable.

"Take, for instance, a person who has been deaf from birth. He immerses his hands in the prepared water connected with the phonograph. The rhythm of the music is conducted by the nerves locally affected to the fissure Rolando in the brain, and the sensation is one of pleasure. Greater still is the pleasure experienced by one who has at one time had normal hearing and who has become deaf from some cause or another. If the tune selected is one with which the subject has been familiar, he may easily follow the varying changes of the music and by the aid of his imagination which in the deaf is unusually acute he can thus enjoy the oddly conducted concert almost as thoroughly as if his hearing was normal."

While the new system of making the deaf hear is yet in its infancy, Dr. King says that scientists all over the world, himself included, are working intiringly with the electrical agent, and are sanguine of even greater success than has already been attained.

Life-Saving Vests.

The London managers of a great Sheffield (England) manufacturing firm are authority for the statement that four well-known American millionaires have recently ordered coats and vests made of steel. This armor is of light chain mail, allowing perfectly free movements, does not interfere with perspiration, and weighs very little, indeed. When a man has worn a mail coat for a week or two, the manufacturer says, he gets quite used to it and suffers no inconvenience whatever.

While these coats will not turn a bullet, nor prevent the penetration of a dagger or sword at short range, they are sufficiently strong to turn either a sword or a dagger driven at long reach. A spent bullet will not affect them in the slightest degree. The same manufacturer says that in the last five years his firm has received more than 900 orders for light armor.

A number of English statesmen protect themselves by using this armor. In the days when Fenianism was rampant there was hardly an English politician of note who did not adopt this means of securing partial safety. It is declared that four members of the present English Government have these coats of mail, and that one of these four never either wears his steel coat whenever he goes out or else is guarded by detectives.

Quite a number of millionaires are credited with the possession of these garments of safety, and it is alleged that while few people imagine it, they are worn very generally by prominent men.—New York World.

A City With No Slums.

The city of Berlin, the capital of Prussia, where the poor are said to be better housed than in any other great city of the world, is really without slums. There are districts in the east and north of Berlin where the poor live, though in nothing like the misery and squalor found in most other cities. The streets, which are all asphalted are kept remarkably clean, and there are none of those narrow, dark alleys and courts which form the slum districts in other places. The Japanese boast that some of their cities contain no slums, and point to Kioto, for over 1,000 years the capital of Japan, as a model city, where slums are unknown. Sebastopol enjoys the unique distinction in Russia of not having a single pauper or mendicant within its walls.

A Celebratsd Ballet Dancer.

An interested spectator of the Czar's entry into Paris from a window in the Avenue du Bois de Boulogne was, says a correspondent, Mme. Fanny Cerito the famous danseuse, who shared with Taglioni, Lucille Grahn and Fanny Elisler the triumphs of the historical pas de quatre which created so much excitement in the late forties at Her Majesty's Theatre. Mme. Cerito is now over seventy years of age, but is still handsome and in excellent health. She is, our correspondent thinks, the only survivor of the quartet of unrivalled dancers, whose grace and elegance filled Europe with enthusiasm when the ballet was in its zenith and a sine qua non of the opera season.—London Chronicle.

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Don't ask for lady's or gentleman's furnishings when shopping; it is men's and women's.

Don't say "She is a nice lady," the correct form is "She is a nice woman."

Don't stamp your feet to get them warm; it does no good and it is unladylike.

Don't forget to say "Thank you" to a salesperson after being waited upon. Simply because they have to earn their living in this way is no reason why they wouldn't appreciate courtesy. It is a little thing. Do it.

Don't wear your most elaborate gowns shopping; plain ones are in the best taste.

Don't say "ain't" for isn't and aren't; there is no such word as "ain't."

Don't push to get on a street car or elevator; let the others off first.

Don't act like a child and scream when you feel that unpleasant sensation when an elevator is started. Have more self-control; men don't do it.

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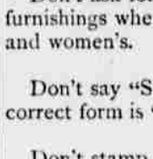

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NORTHUMBERLAND	6 25	1.50	10 05	5 50
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Danville	6 50	2 12	10 26	6 13
Catawissa	7 03	2 26	10 39	6 28
Rupert	7 09	2 31	10 44	6 33
Bloomsburg	7 15	2 36	10 49	6 39
Espy	7 23	2 42	....	6 45
Lime Ridge	7 30	2 48	.....	6 52
Willow Grove	7 34	2 52	.....	6 56
Briarcreek	7 38	.....	.....	7 00
Berwick	7 48	3 01	11 12	7 06
Beach Haven	7 54	3 07	11 18	7 12
Hick's Ferry	8 00	3 13	...	7 19
Shickshinny	8 10	3 24	11 33	7 35
Hunlock's	8 20	3 34	...	7 40
Nanticoke	8 27	3 42	11 49	7 54
Avondale	8 32	3 47	.....	7 58
Plymouth	8 37	3 52	11 56	8 03
Plymouth Junction	8 42	3 57	.....	8 07
Kingston	8 50	4 05	12 05	8 12
Bennett	8 53	4 08	.....	8 16
Forty Fort	8 56	4 11	.....	8 19
Wyoming	9 01	4 17	12 16	8 27
West Pittston	9 06	4 22	.....	8 30
Susquehanna Ave	9 10	4 25	12 23	8 33
Pittston	9 15	4 30	12 26	8 39
Duryea	9 19	4 34	.....	8 44
Lackawanna	9 24	4 37	.....	8 48
Taylor	9 32	4 45	12 40	8 57
Bellevue	9 37	4 50	.....	9 02
SCRANTON	9 42	4 55	12 48	9 07
	A. M	P. M.	P. M.	P. M

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Taylor	6 10	10 04	2 05	6 10
Lackawanna	6 18	10 11	2 13	6 17
Duryea	6 22	10 14	2 16	6 21
Pittston	6 28	10 18	2 20	6 24
Susquehanna Ave	6 32	10 21	2 23	6 28
West Pittston	6 35	10 24	2 27	6 31
Wyoming	6 40	10 29	2 32	6 36
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Bennett	6 48	10 36	2 39	6 44
Kingston	6 54	10 39	2 45	6 53
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Avondale	7 09		2 58	7 07
Nanticoke	7 14	10 54	3 04	7 12
Hunlock's	7 20	11 00	3 10	7 20
Shickshinny	7 31	11 10	3 24	7 35
Hick's Ferry	7 44	11 23	3 35	7 47
Beach Haven	7 54	11 32	3 42	7 55
Berwick	8 00	11 40	3 49	8 00
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Willow Grove	8 10	11 50	3 59	8 11
Lime Ridge	8 14	11 56	4 04	8 1
Espy	8 21	12 04	4 11	8 2
Bloomsburg	8 28	12 12	4 17	8 30
Rupert	8 34	12 18	4 23	8 38
Catawissa	8 40	12 23	4 29	8 41
Danville	8 55	12 37	44	8 55
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6.25	10.58	5.44	1.30	...Zaner's...	9.09	3.25	7.24	7.45
6.18	10.53	5.37	1.25	.Stillwater.	9.13	3.30	7.29	8.00
6 08	10.43	5.27	1.10	...Benton....	9.21	3.40	7.39	8.40
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5.53	10.32	5.13	12 20	..Laubach..	9.35	3.57	7.57	9.10
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THOSE PROMISED GOOD TIMES.

During the campaign last fall Republican orators and newspapers were very busy in predicting the great calamities that would befal this country if Bryan were elected, and promising a restoration of confidence, a general resumption of business, a return of great prosperity, a closing of soup houses and opening of mills in case of McKinley's success. McKinley was elected, but none of those predictions have been fulfilled. Business has not revived, money is almost out of sight, and more people are suffering for the necessaries of life than this country has known for years. Banks are failing daily, not because of the policy of the Democratic administration, but mostly because of bad management or because they have been looted by their officers.

There is a feeling of discontent among the people, and if the election were to be held now, it is more than probable that Bryan and free silver would carry the country by an overwhelming majority. Congress is now in the hands of the Republicans, and instead of attempting to do anything to relieve the people, they are spending their time in talking about the war in Cuba, and contemplating measures that will increase their salaries.

Times have grown worse instead of better since McKinley's election, and while this has little to do with the present condition of things, he was elected by promises of better times in that event, and unless prosperity shall follow closely on the heels of his inauguration, his administration will prove a dismal failure, and the Republican party will be held responsible for it.

Quay's Toy.

It is not at all probable that Senator Quay and Senator-elect Penrose pressed the name of Governor Hastings upon Mr. McKinley with any seriousness: Neither of these gentlemen is at all anxious to see the governor in the cabinet.

It is true Mr. Quay would like to have in Mr. Lyon a governor whose ownership would not be in dispute but the elevation of Hastings to a cabinet position—for it would be a promotion—and the increased authority of Lyon might altogether end Quay's chances of succeeding himself two years hence. The governor as a cabinet officer might become a formidable opponent of Quay while Lyon as governor might give the state quite enough of Quayism in the remainder of the term to satisfy the commonwealth with Quayism forever.

It seems plain that Senator Quay is simply bandying the governor's name for his own benefit. He doesn't want a Pennsylvanian in the cabinet; he wants no one to step between himself and Mr. Hanna. With two votes in the senate he believes he ought to be supreme in command. Having tought for the spoils he believes he has won them.

But the governor ought to refuse longer to be a Quay football. If Senator Quay must have sport with some gentleman of distinction the governor should see that he is not that statesman longer.—*Patriot.*

Mock Reforms for Cuba.

It is evident that Spain has finally come to understand and practically confess that the Cuban rebellion cannot be suppressed. This is shown by the formal announcement that sweeping reforms are about to be inaugurated by Spain in the government of Cuba. It is now officially stated that on January 23, the saint day of the little King of Spain, a general amnesty will be proclaimed throughout the rebellious provinces of Spain, and that soon thereafter radical reforms will be tendered to the Cuban people.

When the ten years' rebellion closed, General Gomez ended the strife by accepting the positive assurance of Spain that general reform would be inaugurated in the government of that province, relieving the people of the oppressive exactions which had led them to rebellion. Had Spain maintained her faith to the Cuban people at that time, the present rebellion could not have been inspired, but as Spain withheld the substance of reform while simply giving the shadow, the people of Cuba have ceased to have any faith whatever in the pledges of the Spanish Government for substantial reform on that ill-fated island.

It has been a most costly violation of faith on the part of Spain. When the present rebellion began Spain was receiving $30,000,000 of revenue annually from Cuba. That has ceased, and the general destruction of property makes it impossible for Cuba, under any circumstances, to contribute any considerable sum of revenue to Spain even if the rebellion could be ended by treaty In addition to the loss of $30,000,000 of revenue, the Spanish Government has expended some $200,000,000 in the prosecution of the war, and will probably be compelled to expend another hundred million if the war shall continue during the present year. It has been all loss and no profit to Spain, and Spain is solely responsible for this loss by the violation of her own solemnly plighted faith to the people of Cuba.

It is folly now for Spain to propose that the Cuban insurgents shall submit to the rule of Spain under any treaty, no matter what the promises or guarantees may be. There is not an intelligent Cuban who believes that Spain would maintain her faith with them under any circumstances, and the intense hatred cherished by all the Spanish people engaged in the rebellion against Spain would make any peaceful solution of the present strife impossible except on the basis of Cuban independence. All promises of reform coming from Spain will necessarily be regarded by the Cuban people as simply a mockery; as adding insult to the injury inflicted upon them by the violation of Spanish faith under the treaty that closed the former rebellion.

Cuba is lost to Spain, no matter whether the war shall continue or whether it shall cease. There will be no peace on the island until Spanish authority is ended there, and if Spain shall not soon appreciate this fact, it must become the duty of the civilized nations of the world to teach her that a war that can have no possible attainable object but murder and devastation must be stopped in the interest of humanity.—Phila. *Times.*

Irresponsibility of United States Senators.

In a paper contributed to the New York Herald of Sunday Representative Tucker, of Virginia, presents some strong arguments for the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people.

One of Mr. Tucker's strongest arguments is that under the present method of election the United States Senator is responsible in small degree either to the people, who do not elect him, or to the Legislature by which he is chosen. Long before the Senator's term of six years ends the Legislature which elected him has also expired. While the Senator's moral obligation still exists the political body that possessed the power to hold him to a strict accountability is dead when he comes up for re-election, and a new legislative body has taken its place. Thus the Senate of the United States, while holding great political and legislative power, has little responsibility to the people.

This is one of the main reasons why the large majority of United States Senators prefer the present mode of election. Another reason is that the legislative caucus can be much more easily manipulated than the ballot box.—*Record.*

Uncle Sam's Big Army.

A Bill to Increase the Number of Enlisted Men to 30,000.

To give the United States army a modern organization and enable it to fight on even terms with European armies employing modern armament and methods is the purpose of a bill that was ordered to be favorably reported last week by the House committee on military affairs. The bill increases the number of enlisted men from 25,000 to 30,000.

With the new methods in force each infantry regiment will contain in future three majors instead of one as at present. The effect of this will be to promote fifty captains to the rank of major; fifty first lieutenants to captaincies, and fifty second lieutenants to first lieutenantcies.

The liberal newspapers of Germany hail the Treaty of Arbitration between the United States and Great Britain as offering the best means of escape from the standing army system, which is draining the life blood of Europe. These organs of the humane and enlightened sentiment of Germany ask why the ratification of the treaty should not lead to similar understandings between other countries. On the other hand the North German Gazette, the organ of the Government and of the spirit of militarism, scoffs at the treaty and praises war as "a great factor in the advance of civilization." Of course those who believe in war as the most logical means of settling international disputes will oppose the treaty, but they are in a feeble minority of the intelligent people of both hemispheres.—*Record.*

CURIOUS FACTS.

Trunks are mailed in France.

Paris police use electric dark lanterns.

Nearly every city in Mexico has a hospital.

Animals living in absolute darkness have no eyes whatever.

F. H. Sizer, of West Bergen, owns a Bible printed in London 297 years ago.

Fifteen mice in one day is the record of a cat in a book store at Hallowell, Me.

In the last three years 49,000 acres of timber in New York State have been destroyed by forest fires.

Lester Smith, of Coos City, Oregon has lost seventeen hogs since spring by the raids of a bear which, so far, he has been unable to trap or poison.

It is recorded of Dr. John Willlams, of Patricksburg, Ind., that for twenty-four years he has guessed correctly the outcome of each Presidential election.

The word "dun" is said to owe its origin to one Joe Dun, a famous bailiff about 1500. He is said to have been so shrewed and dexterons in the collection of dues that his name became proverbial.

There is an orange tree in Muskegon, Mich., that is making a record even in that northern climate. The tree is about fourteen inches high, and on the branches are twenty-eight miniature oranges and blossoms in various stages of development, and one fully developed orange. The latter is about the size of an ordinary hen's egg, but round. The tree is planted in a large tin can filled with earth, and is treated as a house plant.

The origin of astronomy is associated with the tower of Babel and the pyramids of Egypt. There are many who hold to the opinion that these ancient structures were erected for astronomical purposes. As early as the time of Job, nearly 2000 years B. C., most of the stars had been divided into constellations. The writer of Job mentions Arcturus, Orion and Pleisdes as being familiar. The modern science dates from the labors of Copernicus, Tycho Brahe and Newton.

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BRIEF MENTION.

About People You Know.

Geo. Hartman of Willow Grove, was in town last week.

Mr. Charles Eyer of Orangeville, gave us a call on Friday.

Mr. Elliot Lemons of Asbury gave us a call on Monday.

T. H. Edgar, of Stillwater was in Bloomsburg on Monday.

Geo. W. Miller, Sr., of Weatherly was in town on Monday.

H. W. Kline of Stillwater, spent Friday at the County seat.

William Brader of Allentown, spent Saturday in Bloomsburg.

Geo. S Robbins left on Friday for a business trip to New York.

Will Kelley of Hazleton, spent Sunday with his parents in town.

J. H. Maize, Esq. made a business trip to Lebanon last week.

A. B. Heller made a two days visit to Hamburg, Pa. last week.

Joshua Fetterman passed his eighty-second birthday on Wednesday.

Miss Mary Fornwald, visited her brother Will at Scranton last week.

C. B. McHenry of Benton, transacted business in town on Friday

W. K. Armstrong, made a business trip to Williamsport last week.

C. R. Woodin of Berwick, was among the visitors to town on Tuesday.

H. W. Hess, of Mifflinville was among the visitors to town on Saturday.

Harry Kline, spent Sunday and Monday visiting friends at Wilkes-Barre.

John Evans, of Danville, was in town attending to business on Saturday.

Mrs. James Vought of Elysburg is visiting Mrs. William Bodine on Normal Hill.

Mr. Walter Mayder, of Wilkes-barre transacted business in town on Monday.

Mr. John Karner, of Altoona made a business trip to Bloomsburg on Saturday.

Miss Annie Eyer left on Saturday for a visit to friends at Hazleton and Pottsville.

Will Davis of Scranton, arrived in town last week, on a visit to his brother and sister.

Miss Margaret Laubach left on Saturday for a three week's visit to her sister in Philadelphia.

Miss Maggie Moyer of Watsontown, visited her father W. D. Moyer on Fourth Street over Sunday.

Hon. G. W. Rhoads of Herndon, visited his daughter, Mrs. E. H. Dieffenbach, in town last week.

Register and Decorder W. L. Sidler Esq., of Montour county transacted business in town on Monday.

Miss Bessie Hagenbuch, of Espy visited Miss Bertha Shoemaker on Sixth Street a few days this week.

Mrs. Susan Brugler, of Third Street, is visiting her son Elmer, who is employed as a druggist at Philadelphia.

Editor and proprietor, of the Ashland "Local," J. Harry James, transacted business in town on Tuesday.

John Ellis, manager of The Broadway, is off on a month's vacation, and his place is filled by Mr. Berninger of Catawissa.

Frank Mears and wife, after visiting relatives in town for a few weeks, returned to their home at Brooklyn, on Wednesday.

Harry Huff of Johnsville, N. Y. after spending a week visiting his brother Rhodes, on Fifth Street, returned home on Monday.

Miss Elizabeth Bowen, of Allentown and cousin Miss Lotta Trepple, of Safe Harbor, are visiting at Dr. G. W. Mifflin's on Second Street.

Conrad Kreamer of Jerseytown, was among the visitors to town on Tuesday. He is in better health than he was several months ago.

Mrs. D. J. Waller, Sr., daughter Laura, and Dr. D. J. Waller, left this week for California, where they intend spending several weeks.

After visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Campbell on East Third Street, for the last few days, Mrs. T. W. Bowser, and daughter returned to their home at Sunbury on Monday.

Miss Annie Woods who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. W. Lewis, at Hollidaysburg for the past two months returned home on Tuesday. Her aunt accompanied her home.

Legal advertisements on page 7.

"Marcy" to-night. See it.

The days are growing longer.

A little less than a month till the spring elections.

Spring styles will soon be on the jump.

Lent begins on March 3, and Easter comes on April 18th.

It gives a person the cold chills to watch a carver whet his knife.

The attendance at the License court on Monday was quite large.

Election notices for the spring election for sale at this office at 10 cents a dozen. tf.

Despite the hard times the classes in the colleges and universities are unusually large.

Rev. Butts conducted services in the A. M. E. Church on First Street Sunday morning and evening.

Rev. Geo. Scholl of Baltimore, Md. preached in the Lutheran Church last Sunday morning and evening.

East Third Street is being cindered. After this covering is worn down the street will be in fine condition.

Some Lebanon parties were in town this week looking after a desirable place to establish a match factory.

The flag on the Court House is tattered and torn. It should either be removed or replaced by a new one.

A stranger who registered as John Layton, of Ireland committed suicide at a Wilkes-Barre hotel on Saturday.

York, Pa. has reached the bonded debt limit created by councils, and any increase must be voted by the people.

William Moore, in point of service, the oldest editor in Pennsylvania died at Pittsburg last week, aged seventy-nine years.

Many seats have been sold for "Marcy" at the Opera House tonight. Don't fail to see it. Reserved seats at Slate's.

You will get the worth of your money, at the Opera House. "Marcy" for the benefit of the Episcopal Church organ fund.

Passengers saw a robber take $25 from the drawer in "Pennsy's" ticket office at Williamsport but thought he was an employee.

"Marcy" is an assured success, and there will be a good sized audience to-night at the Opera House. Tickets; 25, 35 and 50 cents.

The centennial of Sunbury as a municipality will be celebrated on March 24. Arrangements are being made for a big time.

The attendance at the annual gymnastic exhibition of the Normal School on Friday night, was not as large as on former occasions.

Prof. A. K. Aldinger, of the Normal School lett on Saturday, for Jefferson Medical College, where he intends taking a course in medicine.

John Rebman, lost his pocketbook containing $20,000 in cash, checks, and accounts, at Nanticoke, on Saturday, and found all but the cash $105.

Mr. and Mrs. William Yost entertained a number of young folks at their home Wednesday afternoon, in honor of the seventh birthday of their daughter Lillie.

The following letters are advertised Jan. 19th, 1897: Mrs. Louisa Hess, C. Meade, Mr. Louis White. Will be sent to the dead letter office Feb. 2d, 1897. JAMES H. MERCER, P. M.

J. S. Williams sold the property of C. H. Morgan in Armstrong's addition, to D. W. Armstrong for $900 on Wednesday.

Some days ago the Benton post-office was robbed of about $300, and the affair is causing some excitement at that place. There is no clue to the robbery as yet.

County Treasurer Fleckenstine has begun his work in a regular and systematic manner, and we have no doubt that all his figures will be correct at the end of the year.

The second number of the Student's Lecture course will be George Kennan, on "Adventures in Arctic Asia," in Normal Auditorium on Monday evening, Jan. 25th.

The borough of Ashland has been sued by James J. Elliott of Shenandoah, for $10.000 damages for injuries received by falling over a 10 ft. embankment.

J. K. Lockard, who has been confined to the house since November, on account of a broken leg, is able to be around again. He made his first trip to the car shops last week.

Bloomsburg now has 14 places licensed for the sale of liquor at retail as hotels and restaurants, 1 wholesale liquor store, and 2 bottling establishments, making a total of 17.

J. K. Bittenbender's new house on the corner of Fourth and Locust Streets is fast nearing completion. When completed it will make one of the finest houses in that end of the town.

The *American Stationer* of Jan. 14, says:

"On January 4 Stephen Farrelly, as manager of the American News Company, New York, filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York two certificates showing the amount of sales of the "Ever Ready" fountain pen which had been made by the American News Company and its several branches. The certificates are in accordance with an order of November 10, 1896, made by Judge Lacombe in the case of Paul E. Wirt against the American News Company for alleged infringement of his fountain pen by the defendant company in handling a fountain pen called the "Ever Ready," or more properly in accordance with the terms of the bond which the defendant subsequently filed as one of two alternatives imposed by the order. The first certificate is dated November 30 and gives the amount of sales of pens "of the form known as the "Ever Ready" as 187 from November 14 to that date. The second certificate is dated December 31, 1896, and gives the number of such pens sold from November 30 to December 31, 1896, as 316, "so far as reports to the New York office" have been received. "It will take," the certificate continues, "some time to get reports from distant points and all further sums will be put in subsequent reports."

Last Evening's Entertainment.

A Good-Sized Crowd at Association Hall Well Pleased.

Last evening, at Association Hall, Prof. Lyman Howe exhibited his wonderful machine, the animotoscope, to a large and appreciative audience. The word wonderful has become one of such common usage in these days of wonders that it seems almost inadequate to express a full conception of the animotoscope. The audience was led from a state of delightful expectancy and uncertainty to wonder and astonishment.

Every one who attended the entertainment will be pleased to hear that Professor Howe has agreed to remain in the city and give another entertainment to-morrow evening, at which the prices will be reduced to 25 and 35 cents.

Last night's exhibition was opened with a collection of selections by the phonograph, which were rendered in a delightfully clean and distinct manner. The most interesting feature was of course, the animotiscope. Views of almost life-size were run off one after the other, ranging from the most laughable and ridiculous to the most exciting. The most realistic of all was the famous Black Diamond express of the Lehigh Valley railroad, which was pictured as thundering by at the rate of 60 miles per hour. An encore was demanded The glimpse of the ocean on Manhattan Beach after a storm was very fine, and a person could easily imagine that they were looking out of a large window upon the actual scene. Much merriment was occasioned by the invitation of Professor Howe to the audience to record its own noise and confusion. When the invitation was given everybody tried to make just a little noise at least, and a number of the Association boys gave their yell. The machine was then reversed, and the confusion faithfully reproduced. The program to be rendered on Monday evening is the same as that given last night. —"Williamsport Grit," of Jan. 17th.

The above entertainment will be given at the Opera House Monday night. Benefit of the Lutheran Church.

A huge block of granite, the largest ever set free by blasting, was recently taken from a quarry in Concord, N. H. It measures 106 feet in length by twenty feet in height and twenty feet in width.

FOR RENT. The west half of a double house on East Third street, Bloomsburg. Possession given on December 1st. All modern conveniences. Rent reasonable. Apply to J. W. Conner, Orangeville, or D. W. Campbell, Bloomsburg. 11 19-tf.

Sarsaparilla Sense.

Any sarsaparilla is sarsaparilla. True. So any tea is tea. So any flour is flour. But grades differ. *You want the best.* It's so with sarsaparilla. There are grades. You want the best. If you understood sarsaparilla as well as you do tea and flour it would be easy to determine. But you don't. How should you? When you are going to buy a commodity whose value you don't know, you pick out an old established house to trade with, and trust their experience and reputation. Do so when buying sarsaparilla.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla has been on the market 50 years. Your grandfather used Ayer's. It is a reputable medicine. ***There are many Sarsaparillas—but only one Ayer's.*** It cures.

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Thoughts of Home.

I stood at my parlor window
And gazed on the city fair
With its hundreds of happy faces
And its thousands filled with care;
Of the hurry and worry and bustle
From early dawn till even;
And then I thought where is there rest,
And my spirit whispered: "Heaven."

And then my thoughts went wandering back,
To a peaceful village home
Where the sun shone bright from morn till night
On an old house all alone
With its vine-clad porch, where the children played
In their childish innocent glee.
And oh: how I longed for those days again
When all were happy and free.

Free to enjoy life's purest joys,
The pleasures of home and friends,
But the Father above said it is not well
That this joy should longer last,
So, Angel of death, speed down to earth
And from that happy home,
Bring back the dearest of all that flock
And whisper to those bereft;

That the joys of this world are fleeting
And unto earth's mortals given
To show them a glimpse of the lasting joys
In the beauty and glory of heaven.

BY MRS. A. W. HANSON.

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We have reduced the prices on all coats to close them out quickly, Now is your chance of buying a coat for little money, and the best part of winter before you for wearing it. First comers get the choice. They are all of this season's newest and choicest coats.

A $12.50 ladies' coat for $8.50.
A $ 7.50 " " " $5.00.
A $10.00 " " " $7.00.

And other grades higher and lower. Don't delay. Now is your time for buying a high grade coat for little money.

Dress Goods.

We have reduced the price of many lots of dress materials that we will include in the coat sale. So here's a chance for you dress goods buyers, as well as the coat wanters. It will pay you to see them.

Underwear.

You want underwear this weather. We think it would pay you to examine our lines. Both ladies' and children's goods.

Flannel Skirts.

We have reduced the prices of ladies' flannel skirts to move them quickly. Now is your opportunity of procuring a first-class woolen skirt for little money.

Leggins, wool hoods, ice wool squares, wool caps, children's caps.

Outing flannel night gowns—full line.

Kid Gloves.

Try our one dollar kid glove.

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I. W. HARTMAN & SON.

Have you Money to Invest in a Cape or Coat? If so, then you can save from 25 to 40 Cents on the Dollar, by seeing us.

There are many other articles just bought which we offer at the same discount.

The *Coat* and *Cape* prices you have read before, "but we repeat them."

Coats were $17.50 now $12.50.
Coats were $12.50 and $15.00 now $9.50.
Coats were $7.50 and $8.50 now $5.00.
Coats were $5.00 now $3.75.
Misses and Childrens' same discount.

Fur Capes at less than manufacturer's prices. Plush and Cloth ones at a big discount.

Blankets are selling at the prices offered in our last advertisement.

Furs are one of the articles you can have at a *dead loss.*

Ladies' muslin underwear, and outing cloth night dresses are in our list for a light weight purse.

Curtain sale will soon begin, we are ready with a good assortment for a new house, or for the change of houses. "Call and get our prices before you make a purchase."

Having just returned from the city with a big lot of domestics, we can offer special bargains in them. A good yard wide unbleached Muslin for 4c yard. Bleached Muslin yard wide at 5c. Hill Muslin 6½c. Apron Ginghams 5c. New lot of that extra Muslin 20 yards for $1.00.

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IN offering our patrons the compliments of the season, and thanking them very heartily for their patronage during 1896, we are pleased to say that as the curtain rises for 1897, it finds us still "on the stage," better equipped than ever to act our part as the leading Jewelers and Stationers.

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MANY LAMPS BROKEN.

Dr. Gardner's horse and carriage which was left standing in front of his office on Main Street next to Mercer's drug store, on Thursday evening last, was the cause of breaking about twenty-two lamps, ranging in price from 90 cents to $3.50. It happened in this way. Dr. Gardner who has his office on the second floor of the Evans building, over Mercer's drug store, has been in the habit of letting his horse stand in front of the store while he goes up to his office, and on Thursday evening about seven o'clock he drove up to the pavement and left the horse stand going up to his office as usual. The horse stood still for a while but becoming restless he backed up, the wheels of the carriage striking the stand which contained the lamps, and Mercer nor any of his clerks being there to catch them, they fell to the pavement, and were broken in a thousand pieces.

Be Cheerful When Bored.

Lady Magnus in *Good Words* tells us that we should suffer boredom. She does not mean that we should invite it, but if it does come we must bear with it.

These stupid clever ones, crammed too full to rattle, shining too seriously to sparkle, too enlightened to give light or sweetness, too polished to be polite, full to overflowing of fads scientific and philanthropic, riding their hobbies as hard as their bicycles, commit countless immoralities of the minor sort and sin daily and deeply as hosts and as guests. And women are the worst offenders. We have known a representative lady, young and learned and good looking, in her crushing superiority to the mere everyday man by her side, to sit perfectly mute throughout a long dinner, and the superiority, after all, was only mistaken by the poor gentleman for sulkiness. "I really can't be bored," she pleaded when taken to task for her bad manners, and the quiet rejoinder of "Really, why not?" seemed quite to surprise her. And yet, if one thinks of it, why should one be free to cast aside the burden of boredom more readily and roughly than any of the other burdens to which flesh is heir? We, indeed, should be inclined to count for righteousness a pleasant bearing of such burdens as the bores and the blunders one comes across and reckon a cheerful endurance of them as high up among the minor moralities.

Burning in the Stomach.

"I was prostrated by the grip, which left me with a burning sensation in my stomach and a very bad cough. I procured a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla and have received great benefit from the use of this medicine. I have found it an excellent tonic and blood purifier." Emeline Shaffer, Piney Creek, Pa.

Hood's Pills are easy to buy, easy to take, easy in effect.

The Corpse Led the Autopsy.

Dr. Crawford of Baltimore is related to have advised a patient who fancied he was dying of liver disease to trevel. On returning he appeared to be quite well, but upon receiving information of the death of a twin brother, who had actually died of a scirrhous liver, he immediately staggered, and falling down, cried out that he was dead, and had, as he always expected, died of a liver complaint. Dr. Crawford, being sent for, immediately attended, and on being informed of the notion which had seized the hypochondriac, exclaimed: "Oh, yes, the gentleman is certainly dead, and it is more than probable that his liver was the death of him. However, to ascertain the fact, I will hasten to cut him open before putrefaction takes place."

He called for a carving knife, and whetting it as a butcher would when about to open a dead calf he stepped up to the patient and began to open his waistcoat. The hypochondriac became so terribly frightened that he leaped up with the agility of a rabbit, and crying out "Murder, murder, murder!" ran off with a speed that would have defied a score of doctors to catch him. After running a considerable distance, until he was almost exhausted, he halted, and not finding the doctor at his heels soon became composed. From that period this gentleman was never known to complain of his liver, nor had he for more than 20 years afterward any symptoms of this disease.—*Philadelphia Times.*

A Word or Two

to sufferers from catarrh will not be amiss if a cure can be offered. Ely's Cream Balm has become a favorite in all sections of the United States. Your cold in the head will be quickly relieved by it, and the severest attack of catarrh will yield to, and be perfectly cured by a thorough treatment. Catarrh is not a blood disease, but an inflammation of the passages of the nose and throat, due to climatic changes.

CHARLES H. BREIDENHART.

Mr. Charles H. Breidenhart, of Atlantic City, who was visiting his brother-in-law Dr. Arment, on Fifth Street, died there last week.

The Doctor and family accompanied the body to Philadelphia on Saturday. The *Union*, published at Atlantic City, N. J., contains the following:

"Mr. Charles H. Breidenhart of 30 North Virginia Ave., died Wednesday morning at Bloomsburg. Pa., where he had gone a few weeks ago with the hope of benefitting his health. He was stricken last fall and was confined to his home for some weeks, when he recovered sufficiently to go about. A relapse followed, and thinking a change would be beneficial, he left on November 27th for the home of his brother-in-law, Dr. S. B. Arment, in Bloomsburg. He improved somewhat and was expected home after the holidays. His wife and daughter, Miss Fannie, were with him during his last hours. Mr. Breidenhart was a Philadelphian and came to this city about seven years ago to accept a trusted position with O. H. Guttridge, the paperhanger and decorator. He still held the same position when he was taken ill. He was an active member of the Episcopal Church, of the Ascension and had served faithfully in the office of vestryman during the past four years. Our city looses a model citizen and a highly respected gentleman and a host of friends will be grieved to learn of his sudden death. The funeral will take place Saturday and the interment will be in Woodlawn cemetery."

AT THE COURT HOUSE.

County Treasurer Fleckenstine has given his office a thorough cleaning, and it now presents a very neat appearance.

Janitor Coffman was at work early Friday morning shoveling snow off the pavement.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by Prothonotary Henrie during the last week.

Edwin K. Fisher of Beaver Valley to Miss Ella Shell of the same place.

William Bredbenner of Beaver twp. to Miss Sadie E. Beach of the same place.

John Harrison of Forks to Miss Virgie Franklin of Fishingcreek.

TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE.

The following deeds have been entered in the Recorder's office since our last issue.

J. N. Webb and wife to C. S. Nesbit, for land in Bloomsburg.

Paul E. Wirt and wife to Blanch E. Maize, for land in Bloomsburg.

Bloomsburg Land Improvement Co. to Alvaretta Bittenbender, for land in Bloomsburg.

Peter A Evans et al., to Lemuel Drake, for tract of land in Hemlock township.

Charles H. Coster et al., to P. & R., C. & I. Co.

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J. B. McHenry, sheriff, to M. W. Golder, for tract of land in Fishingcreek township.

Lottie Miller, et al., to Hiram Thomas, for tract of land in Mt. Pleasant township.

Abner A. Evans and wife to J. R. Fowler, for tract of land in Orange township.

J. R. Fowler and wife to Sadie J. Jones, for tract of land in Orange twp.

Caleb Barton and wife to William Rehm, for land in Bloomsburg.

Evelina Rupert to Julia Buck, for land in Bloomsburg.

William Rehm and wife to Julia Buck, for land in Bloomsburg.

James B. Neal et al., to Elizabeth Vannatta, for land in Bloomsburg.

Lloyd Paxton to Lincoln H. Boody, for land in Rupert.

Geo. S. Fleckenstine to Clarence P. Girton for land in Bloomsburg.

The folly of prejudice is frequently shown by people who prefer to suffer for years rather than try an advertised remedy. The millions who have no such notions, take Ayer's Sarsaparilla for blood diseases, and are cured. So much for common sense.

Board Jumpers.

Two young men called at the boarding house of W. W. Kline, on Centre Street last week and asked for board. They were given board, and stayed there for a day or two, when they started out telling Mrs. Kline that their trunks would arrive there that day, but their trunks failed to come, and they never came back. They gave their names as Johnson and Marshall and claimed to be hair restorers.

Statestics collected by the Chicago *Tribune* show that there were 6,250 deaths by suicide in the United States last year—an increase of 761 over the previous year. The number of suicides due to disappointment in love was 180. The murders committed in 1896 numbered 10,625, as against 10,500 in 1895. Of these 401 were occasioned by jealousy.

Base Ball Chat.

Almost at the last moment, the Pittsburg club made up its mind to draft catcher Tom Leahy from Springfield.

The Washington *Post* alleges that a deal is on for the transfer of pitcher Mercer to New York.

First baseman Goeckle of Wilkes-Barre says he is considering a $2000 offer from Pittsburg.

Lancaster has signed an excellent second baseman in Sam Larogue.

Newark has signed the hard-hitting little catcher, Kid Fear.

Infielder Tim O'Rouke, the voiceless wonder of the St. Paul club, was recently married to a Hudson, Wis., lady.

Manager Sharsig, of the Athletics, has signed catcher Fred Schaub, third baseman Robert Schaub, and first baseman Hamburg.

The Philadelphia club has released pitchers Keener and Thomas, third baseman Ellis and outfielder Burnett to the Detroit club.

The contract for the Harry Wright monument has been awarded to P. Reinhalter Company of Philadelphia. The monument will be completed on or about May 15. The sculptor will be Edmund T. Quinn. The accepted design represents Harry Wright standing in citizen's dress, with glasses in one hand and hat in the other.

There are many base ball men who would like to secure the St. Louis franchise and pay a pretty penny therefor, but it is doubtful if it can be obtained. It is quite likely, however, that the League is forearmed against any break in the Mound City, and that a club will be maintained in that excellent ball town, no matter how Mr. Von der Ahe's private affairs terminate.

Mr. O. P. Caylor suggests that there is an opening in Cuba for a pitcher about Russie's size. A "war correspondent" about the build of Mr. Caylor also would fit nicely in the "Queen of the Antilles." He would soon learn the difference between a mild, inoffensive baseball magnate and the bloodthirsty despot Weyler.

To remove dandruff, keep the scalp moist, clean, and healthy, and give vitality and color to weak, faded, and gray hair, use Ayer's Hair Vigor. It has no equal in merit as a hair dressing and for the prevention of baldness, scalp humors, and dandruff.

First in the State.

Bridge at Catawissa to be Built Under the New Law.

The viewers appointed under the act of 1895 in the matter of the county bridge over the Susquehanna river at Catawissa, which was blown down by a tornado last September, have reported. They recommend the construction by the state of a bridge to cost $70,000. This will be the first bridge that will be erected under the law which Hon. J. Henry Cochran, in the Senate, and Hon. Emerson Collins, in the house, were instrumental in having passed during the session of 1895. The law provides that where a bridge over a public highway is destroyed by "flood, fire or other casualty," the commissioners of the proper county may petition the court of Dauphin county for the appointment of five viewers, who shall visit the site of the destroyed bridge and decide upon the advisability of the re-erection of the bridge. These viewers then make report to the Dauphin county court, and, if the report is confirmed, the board of public buildings and grounds advertises in three newspapers, one in the proper county and one at the state capitol, for bids, and awards the contract to the lowest and best bidder. After the bridge is constructed six inspectors are appointed to view the bridge and determine whether it has been erected according to contract. If their report is favorable, the cost of the bridge is paid by the state treasurer on warrant issued by the auditor general. The attorney general acts for the state throughout the transaction.

He Thought of Mother.

We take the following touching article from an exchange. It says:

"Near Wellsboro, Howard Keeney, 8 years old, was caught in the shaft at Wicham's saw mill and whirled about until his clothing and even his shoes were torn off. He was found with his left arm torn off at the elbow, his leg broken and badly bruised, but perfectly conscious Foreman Kimball carried him home, and on the way the lad exclaimed: "I wonder what mamma will say when she sees me." When the mother saw her child she fainted, and the boy directed Kimball where to take him upstairs. The little fellow died during the night."

Succeeds a Gunning Postmaster.

Samuel G. Updegraff, ex-County Treasurer, of Lycoming county has been appointed postmaster at Newberry, vice George K. Landers, who is now in jail for shooting Seth T. Foresman, his bondsmen. Mr. Foresman is improving slowly.

Profits in Cornstalks.

Cramp, the Ship Builder, Will Open Factories in the West.

Edwin S. Cramp, of the Philadelphia ship building firm, has completed plans for the opening of a factory at Rockford, Ill., for the manufacture of ship padding and cattle fodder from cornstalks, a patent for which was recently granted him.

Before the harvesting of the next crop it is expected that several factories will be erected in the corn belt, and material which has been heretofore practically worthless will become a source of revenue to the farmers. Mr. Cramp stated that he had just contracted with the American Spirits manufacturing company to feed their cattle with the substance prepared from the pith, and a portion of the cornstalk crop of 1897 will be used by them. "We intend to invest a large amount of capital in making use of the inventions, and build factories from year to year in favorable locations throughout the west, so that there will be no expense for transportation to most of those who sell us their product."

Mr. Cramp said that the price to be paid for the stalks will be $2 a ton.

Changes in the Game Laws.

The State Game Commission has prepared a set of amendments which they hope to have incorporated into the game laws of the State. The changes proposed by these amendments are of a sweeping nature, and their adoption by the Legislature will effect a radical reform of the abuses now prevalent. They prohibit the killing for sale of any kind of game in Pennsylvania, and prohibit the shipping of game outside the State. The amount of game that has been killed and sent out of the State for sale is enormous. The State Zoologist is receiving numerous replies to the circular recently sent out, asking for statistics on this question, and is at present preparing a pamphlet for distribution among sportsmen and among the members of the legislature giving the results of his investigations on the subject. Mr. Kennedy says that the figures in this book will open people's eyes to the awful slaughter of game that has been going on in this State for years.

Another change proposed by the Commission is the alteration in the time in which hunting may be allowed. It has been deemed advisable to make all the seasons come in and go out at the same time, thus saving much complication. The new law make the seasons for all kinds of game coincident, beginning on October 15, and ending on December 15.

Grant's Greatest Record for Cigars.

Hancock came to headquarters about 8 p. m.—after the battle of the Wilderness—and had a conference with the general in chief and General Meade. He had had a very busy day on his front, and while he was cheery and showed that there was still plenty of fight left in him, he manifested signs of fatigue after his exhausting labors. General Grant, in offering him a cigar, found that only one was left in his pocket. Deducting the number he had given away from the supply he had started out with in the morning showed that he had smoked that day 20, all very strong and of formidable size. But it must be remembered that it was a particularly long day. He never afterward equaled that record in the use of tobacco.—Gen. Horace Porter in *Century.*

Chewing Gum Figures.

Strange thing, too, when you come to think of it. There are between 130,000 and 135,000 people engaged in the preparation, selling, and advertising of chewing gum, not to mention the millions of jaws that are working to help increase the sales. It is said the United States spends $8,000,000 more on this article than on the maintenance of its clergy of all denominations. From another point of view it is stated that on the other hand the chewing gum luxury costs $9,000,000 more annually than the entire expenses of running the prisons, courts, hospitals and police force of New York; while on the other hand the entire revenue from the sale of fermented liquors only exceeds that of chewing gum by $3,000,000.

To retain an abundant head of hair of a natural color to a good old age, the hygiene of the scalp must be observed. Apply Hall's Hair Renewer.

Down in Round House, Kentucky, the other day, 1,000 relatives and friends gathered to witness the marriage of William Sexton, 103 years of age, to Mrs. Croft, aged 101. The ceremony was performed in a log house Sexton helped to build 90 years ago, and after the wedding the couple drove off in a carriage 83 years old. The man and woman have known each other from childhood, and the marriage was suggested by their relatives. And the frisky old couple were quite willing. Love's young dream never grows old.—*Ex.*

Important Notice!

The only genuine **"Baker's Chocolate,"** celebrated for more than a century as a delicious, nutritious, and flesh-forming beverage, is put up in **Blue Wrappers** and **Yellow Labels.** Be sure that the **Yellow Label** and our Trade-Mark are on every package.

WALTER BAKER & CO. Ltd., Dorchester, Mass.

ALEXANDER BROTHERS & CO.

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Cigars, Tobacco, Candies, Fruits and Nuts

SOLE AGENTS FOR

Henry Maillard's Fine Candies. Fresh Every Week.

PENNY GOODS A SPECIALTY.

SOLE AGENTS FOR

F. F. Adams & Co's Fine Cut Chewing Tobacco

Sole agents for the following brands of Cigars:

Henry Clay, Londres, Normal, Indian Princess, Samson, Silver Ash

Bloomsburg Pa.

Prices Low and Good Work.

For the finest and best stoves, tinware, roofing, spouting and general job work, go to W. W. Watts, on Iron street. Buildings heated by steam, hot air or hot water in a satisfactory manner. Sanitary Plumbing a specialty.

I have the exclusive control of the Thatcher steam, hot water and hot air heaters for this territory, which is acknowledged to be the best heater on the market. All work guaranteed.

W. W. WATTS,

IRON STREET. **Bloomsburg, Pa.**

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SHOES SHOES

We buy right and sell right.

OUR SUCCESS IS BASED ON THIS FACT.

Honest trading has won us hosts of customers but we want more. We are selling good shoes, so good you ought to see them. Drop in and we will make it pay you.

CORNER IRON AND MAIN STS. **W. H. Moore.**

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF

CARPET, MATTING,

or OIL CLOTH,

YOU WILL FIND A NICE LINE AT

W. H. BROWER'S

2nd Door above Court House.

A large lot of Window Curtains in stock.

"Better work wisely than work hard." Great efforts are unnecessary in house cleaning if you use

SAPOLIO

ASK FOR THE BOOKLET ON "LIGHT" AND

Burn Crown Acme Oil.

GIVES THE BEST LIGHT IN THE WORLD AND IS ABSOLUTELY SAFE

FOR SALE BY

THE ATLANTIC REFINING CO.

POULTRY

Save parings, cabbage leaves and potato scraps for the hens. They ought to have green food all winter.

Poultry men are not fully agreed on the point, but a warm mash in the morning has been found an excellent egg maker. The New York Experiment Station has demonstrated that the keep of a flock of hens will be less with moistened food than with dry, and that eggs will be more plenty. At any rate it pays to give variety to the diet.

Have you provided a dust-bath for the hens this winter? It will help you greatly in keeping your flock free of vermin.

In preparing the nests for winter put them in as secluded a spot as possible. A hen likes quiet before the egg is laid.

Renew the nests occasionally. Cut straw makes a good nest. Take out the old and burn it before it becomes filth-covered or vermin-infected.

One doesn't have to become a fancier in order to have good fowls. A flock of thoroughbreds cost no more to hatch and keep than do a lot of scrub hens and the income from them is double or more.

It is a mistake to sell off all the adult fowls every fall, keeping only the pullets, unless you intend to buy eggs in the spring for hatching purposes. A two-year-old hen gives better eggs for hatching.

Don't neglect to provide plenty of grit—the sharper the better—for the hens. Broken china and earthenware answer the purpose very well, as does broken oyster shell.

It will pay you to try steamed cut clover for an occasional feed when the days get cold and the ground is snow covered.

Sore heads on chicks may be cured by an ointment made of lard and vaseline, with enough sulphur added to make a paste. Apply to the affected parts from one to three times, say two days apart. It will work a cure.

White Minorcas.

So much has been written of late about Black Minorcas, that for the benefit of those who, like ourselves much prefer a white to a black fowl we feel inclined to say a few words in behalf of the White Minorcas. The relation existing between the two is so close that it seems a pity to have color distinction, or degrees of "caste" between them, as the good qualities possessed by one are about equally developed in the other, so that in choosing a Minorca fowl one has only to gratify his taste in color, and he will find as great a preponderance of Minorca virtues and characteristics in the white as in the blacks.

Several of the most prominent breeders of both varieties have assured us that their preference was with the whites, and that from a utility point of view, they were quite the equal of the blacks, and in some respects superior to them. This we have found true in our own experience, and it is because we know the White Minorcas to possess real and lasting merit that we desire to see them enjoying the same popularity as the blacks, and believe that the day is not far distant when they will be placed at their proper level and kept there. As they become better known they are destined to vie with their colored sisters in public favor, even as the White Leghorns have outstripped the blacks, and to this end we shall welcome the establishing of a uniform Minorca type.

Measurement of Water.

The "inch" as used in the measurement of water is a very indefinite and unsatisfactory unit. The laws of Idaho make one cubic foot per second equal fifty miners' inches. The State Engineer of Colorado computes that under the conditions defined by their statute it will require 38.4 inches to equal one cubic foot per second, but that is only under certain conditions. It may vary widely from that, under the possible conditions of their law. The miners inch in California varies in almost every district. There is no uniformity in the gauge nor the pressure under which the water shall be measured, pressure varying from four and one-half to twelve inches. In those sections of California in which a six-inch pressure above the top of the orifice is used, a miners' inch is taken as discharging 0.026 cubic feet per second, which is about 38.4 inches to one cubic foot per second. The Manual of Irrigation Engineering, by Wilson, gives fifty California miners' inches as equal to one cubic foot per second. In Wyoming the inch has no legal status nor any recognized method of measuring. To summarize the entire States in which the absolute relation between the inch and the cubic foot per second has been fixed by law, that relation has been fixed on the ratio of fifty miners' inches to one cubic foot per second, but in those States where the conditions of measurement have been fixed by law the ratio is from about 34.4 to 45.5 cubic inches.—Elwood Mead, State Engineer, Wyo.

Grass Plots for Poultry.

It is difficult to have poultry and grass in the same enclosure unless the area is quite large. It is not because the hens eat the grass, but that they trample it down. Where a dozen hens have access to a small grass plot their feet will come down on the grass many hundred times during the day, which is multiplied as the days become weeks. If but a small space can be devoted to poultry, grass can only be grown when each flock has two yards, changing the hens from one yard to the other as occasion demands. If the range is large however, the grass will not be injured by the poultry. Grass is not known to be an essential portion of the ration for hens, and if they are confined it pays to cut it into short lengths for them, omitting grain, in order not only to avoid overfeeding on concentrated food, but to afford the hens that which is more appropriate for the purpose of egg production, as grass contains a large share of nitrogen and mineral matter. The best grass for hens is white clover, but where a quick growth is desired oats or other grain may be sown. Kale is also an excellent substitute; and young corn, just peeping out of the ground, is highly relished.—Poultry Keeper.

A Telephone Message.

A lady called me up by telephone the other day, said a subscriber in a recent interview, to tell me of some men who went out west to engage in the raising of cattle. They wrote home and asked their father to give a name to their ranch. He christened it "Focus," because the sun's rays meet there, and do you know it took me nearly an hour of anxious thought before I discovered that she meant "because the sons raise meat there." But I hate to hear a joke through a telephone, anyhow. Don't you?

Intensive Advertising.

While it is true of publicity as a rule that the man who gets the most of it gets the most trade, it is a mistake to suppose that the field is not worth tilling unless a man can plow it all over at one time. The Chicago advertising Council says:

"A little garden patch sown with the right seed and cultivated scientifically will produce more value than a quarter-section farm worked in the usual manner." There is a great deal of truth in this. The intensive farming plan can be applied as well to advertising.

One Killed and Three Hurt.

A serious accident occurred on Tuesday in No. 2 colliery, operated by the Delaware and Hudson coal company in Plymouth. A number of mine repairers had been at work at the foot of the shaft, 850 feet from the surface, when a pump rod broke, killing Leslie Lyons. William Wasley escaped with a bruised hand, though amputation may be necessary. Wm. Humphreys had his right leg broken in two places. Richard Sanders had his shoulder dislocated.

Steel Works Resume.

The north works of the Lackawanna iron and steel company resumed work on Friday after several months' idleness. With the resumption of the south mills, a week ago, the entire establishment is now in operation, employing 3,000 workingmen. Orders have been placed to keep the entire plant at work for six weeks.

During the year 1896 Hollidaysburg, Blair county, made history as follows: Frank Wilson and James Farrel, were tried for murder and found guilty in the first degree. The celebration of the county's centennial and the unveiling of the soldiers' monuments was the most gigantic demonstration ever witnessed in the county. And finally both the Hollidaysburg banks closed their doors and almost threw the community into a complete financial chaos.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of sundry writs of Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, Pa., and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in Bloomsburg on

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1897,

at 2 o'clock p. m., all that lot or piece of ground situate in the town of Bloomsburg, county of Columbia and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post on Main or Second street of said town at corner of lot of Mrs. Henrietta Rinker, thence along Second street westwardly a distance of thirty-two feet to a post, thence by other land of Anna M. Lorah, lately lot of Levi Cox, northwardly eighty feet to a post in other lands of Anna M. Lorah; thence along said land forty-one feet to a post in line of lot of Mrs. Henrietta Rinker aforesaid; thence along the line of said Rinker lot southwardly eighty feet to the place of beginning; containing three thousand square feet be the same more or less, whereon is erected a two story and a half double

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE.

ALSO: all that certain lot or piece of ground situate in the town of Bloomsburg, county of Columbia and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a corner of Railroad street and an alley running from Knorr's blacksmith shop to Fishing creek; thence along said alley north seventy-seven degrees east sixty-five feet to corner of lot of Mrs. John Rinker; thence by the same south seventy-six and three-fourth degrees east

feet to lot of Anna M. Lorah; thence by the same south thirteen degrees west forty-one feet to a corner; thence by the same southwardly eighty feet to Second street of said town; thence along the north side of Second street westwardly to the corner of Railroad Iron street; and thence along the east side of said Railroad Iron street northwardly to the corner of the alley aforesaid, the place of beginning, whereon is erected a large three story

FRAME STORE BUILDING

and dwelling house attached, and a two story

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE,

and stable.

Seized, taken into execution at the suits of The Locust Mountain Saving and Loan Association vs. Jacob Lorah and Anna M. Lorah, and Levi Cox and Sarah Eliza Cox vs. Jacob Lorah and Anna M. Lorah and to be sold as the property of Anna M. Lorah.

J. B. McHENRY,
Sheriff.

L. S. Wintersteen, atty.
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WIDOW'S APPRAISEMENTS.

The following Widow's Appraisements will be presented to the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, on the first Monday of February, 1897, and confirmed nisi, and unless exceptions are filed within four days thereafter, will be confirmed absolute:

Estate of John Lubeski, late of Cleveland township, dec'd. Personality, $72.65; Realty, $227.35.

Estate of William Secrist, late of Greenwood township, dec'd. Personality, $151 90; Realty, $100.00.

Estate of John S. Patterson, late of Greenwood township, deceased. Realty, $30 00.

Estate of John McHenry, late of Benton township, dec'd. Personality, $19.82; Realty, $ 90.00.

W. H. HENRIE,
Clerk, O. C.

Clerk's office, Bloomsburg, Pa., Jan. 12, 1897.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Michael Fetterolf, deceased.

The undersigned auditor appointed to make distribution to the parties justly entitled thereto of the balance in the hands of D. B. Fetterolf, administrator of said estate, as appears by his third and final account, will sit at his office on Thursday, February 4, 1897, between the hours of 10 and 11 a. m. to perform the duties of his appointment; when all persons having claims against said estate should appear, or be debarred from any share in said fund.

J. B. ROBISON,
Auditor.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE.

Estate of Henry Earl Hess, late of Scott township, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Henry Earl Hess, late of Scott township, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administratrix, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to

MRS. MARY ANGLE,
Administratrix

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Trial List for February Term.

D. M. Osborne & Co., vs. W. P. Kline.
Alfred Miller vs. J. Harvey Creasy.
David Llewellyn vs. C. W. Kline, Atty.
Helen Swisher vs. James R. Ritter.
Johnson Beasley Coal Co. vs. Lafayette Fetterman, et. al.
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C. W. Hess et. al. vs. B. & S. RR. Co.
Richard Purcell vs. Michael Nertney.
School Furnishing Co. vs. Bloomsburg Belt RR. Co.
David Shuman vs. J. B. Nuss.
Susan Cooper vs. Daniel Miller.
Martha A. Case vs. D. L. & W. RR. Co.
William Case vs. D. L. & W. RR. Co.
Catawissa Fibre Co. vs. Lehigh & W. B. Coal Co.
J. S. Heller vs. Lehigh & W. B. Coal Co.
Hannah E. Cole use vs. Albert Williams.
J. Richardson & Co. vs. William Llewellyn.
William Hidlay vs. Hurley Angle.
J. R. Evans vs. Town of Bloomsburg.
J. M. Rhone use vs. Charles Gibbons, et. al.
Jacob H. Fritz admrs. vs. W. A. Kile, et. al.
Wm. McBride vs. Columbia County.
C. L. Belles' admx. vs. Millville M. F. Ins. Co.
Andrew Graydon vs. Franklin Twp.
John K. Young's exr. vs. Silas J. Benjamin.
The Leader Co. Ltd. vs. Hess Iron Mfg. Co. Ltd.
The Leader Co. Ltd. vs. Hess Iron Mfg. Co.

ARGUMENT LIST.

Commonwealth vs. Hiram Albertson.
Road in Main twp. near Jas. Keifer's.
In re-annexation of territory to Boro. of Berwich.
Silas J. Benjamin vs. J. W. Kile et. al.
Johnson Beasley Coal Co. vs. Lafayette Fetterman et. al.
R. M. Cummings Lessee, vs. Lafayette Fetterman.
Road in Benton and Fishingcreek twps. near D. Karns.
Ellen Shoemaker vs. Jos. Fausey.
In re division of Hemlock twp. into two Election Districts.
D. F. Seybert vs. M. W. Seybert et. al.
Bloomsburg Banking Co. vs. I. W. Willits.

Jurors for February Court

GRAND JURY.

Benton Boro—W. M. Kline, Marvey McHenry.
Bloom—W. D. Brobst, A. C. Hidlay, John W. Posten, W. H. Slate.
Catawissa Boro—S. B. Rhawn.
Catawissa Twp—John Barnes.
Conyngham—Chas. Kostenbauder, Harry Kostenbauder.
Cleveland—Lloyd Leiby.
Franklin—Henry Gottshall.
Hemlock—P. A. Stroup.
Jackson—James B. Robbins.
Millville—R. B. Grimes.
Mt. Pleasant—Hiram Crouse.
Montour—H. D. Quick.
Orange—W. A. Allabach, James B. Montomery.
Roaringcreek—Lawson Hughes, Harvey Mensch.
Scott—J. H. Creveling, C. W. Hartman.
Sugarloaf—John P. Hill.

TRAVERSE JURORS.—FIRST WEEK.

Beaver—J. W. Schlicher.
Benton Twp—Thomas Edgar, A. Hartman, Glenn Tubbs
Berwick—Chas. Hull, H. O. Kline, Clem Jarrard, W. M. Roup.
Briarcreek—John Chrisman, Lewis Deiterick.
Bloom—Frank Baum, W. S. Bryfogle, Andrew Evans, Emanuel Lazarus, Adam Moser, Dal Swank.
Catawissa Boro—Walter Billman, J. J. Cherington, L. H. Seesholtz, Fred Smith.
Catawissa Twp—Zach Kreischer.
Centralia—Richard Cain.
Centre—Sylvester Sitler.
Cleveland—N. A. Yocum.
Conyngham—M. J. Hale, John Hughes, George Miller, Daniel Houck.
Franklin—Clark Yost.
Greenwood—W. C. Thomas, Thomas Drake.
Hemlock—A. J. Beagle, Geo. F. Beagle, Reuben Welliver.
Madison—Geo. Whitenight, D. C. Welliver.
Main—Wilson Gearheart.
Mifflin—Levi Hippenstiel, James Karschner, Henry Nuss.
Montour—Curtis Deily.
Orange—Jesse B. Freas.
Scott—F. W. Ringrose, William Roup.
Locust—Wesley Lindenmuth, Charles Beaver.
Mt. Pleasant—Jacob Jacoby.
Sugarloaf—J. M. Larish.

SECOND WEEK.

Benton Boro—Jos. D. Fuller, George Yost.
Berwick—B. F. Evans, L. G. Hagenbuch, C. K. McAnall, Wm. Morton, James Pegg.
Bloom—G. S. Fornwald, Samuel Giger, F. B. Hartman, C. W. McKelvy, J. W. Moyer, C. H. Sharpless, H. G. Supplee.
Catawissa Boro—Ephraim Achy, J. F. Fished, Charles Pfahler, F. A. Robbins, John S. Wheatley.
Catawissa Twp—W. T. Creasy, Martin Rider.
Centre—W. S. Knorr.
Conyngham—Frank Bush.
Fishingcreek—Daniel Wenner, James Tramp
Greenwood—J. W. Mather.
Jackson—Paul Klinger.
Locust—Abner Kleese.
Main—Isaiah J. Hower.
Mifflin—H. E. Eveland.
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In pursuance of an order of the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, Penna., the undersigned executor of the last will and testament of George Bower, late of Briarcreek township in the said county deceased, will sell at public sale on the premises, on

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1897,

at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day, the following described real estate, to-wit:

No. 1. A tract of land situate in Briarcreek township, Columbia county, Pa., adjoining land of David Kisner, David Shaffer, James Evans and others, containing

30 ACRES AND 14 PERCHES.

No. 2. All the right, title and interest of the said decedent in the undivided one-half of a tract of land situate in said Briarcreek township, in said county, adjoining lands of William Yohe, William Girton, Henry Martz, Ephriam Evans and others, containing

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No. 3. All the right, title and interest of the said decedent in the undivided one-half of a tract of land situate in said township of Briarcreek in said county, adjoining lands of William Evans, James Lemons, John Fester and John Doak, containing

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TERMS OF SALE:—Ten per cent. of the purchase money to be paid at the striking down of the property, fifteen per cent. at the confirmation of sale, and the remaining three-fourths in one year from said sale, together with interest thereon from confirmation nisi. Purchaser to pay for deed. Purchaser will be required to give bond with good and approved security for the faithful payment of the purchase money according to the above conditions.

JAMES BOWER,
Executor.

Zarr & Freeze,
Attorneys.
12-31-ts.

PARTITION NOTICE.

In the matter of the partition of the estate of Caleb Barton, deceased.

To Thomas J. Barton, Elvina, intermarried with H. W. McReynolds, Emma, late intermarried with John Moore, dec'd; Anna, intermarried with Thomas Webb, all of the town of Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pa.; Catharine, intermarried with Alfred Ale of Columbia City, of the state of Indiana.

You are hereby notified that in pursuance of an order of Orphans' Court of Columbia county a writ of partition has issued from said court to the sheriff of said county, returnable the first Monday of February, A. D. 1897, and that the inquest will meet for the purpose of making partition of the real estate of said decedent on Monday the 25th day of January, A. D. 1897, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m., on the premises of Caleb Barton, deceased, in the town of Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pa., at which time and place you can attend if you see proper.

Vanderslice, atty. J. B. McHENRY,
12-31-3t. *Sheriff.*

PARTITION NOTICE.

In the matter of the partition of the estate of Adam Utt, deceased.

To Margaret Utt, widow of Adam Utt, deceased, of the township of Greenwood, Columbia county, Pa.; Wm S. Utt, Rohrsburg, Columbia county, Pa; Elias C. Utt, Hazleton, Luzerne county, Pa.; Freeman Utt, Rohrsburg, Columbia county, Pa.; Anna Utt, intermarried with John Johnson, Rohrsburg, Columbia county, Pa.; Clark Utt, a minor having for his guardian George W. Utt, Rohrsburg, Columbia county, Pa., Warren Utt, a minor having for his guardian Charles Diddine, Greenwood twp., Columbia county, Pa.; Mary Utt, intermarried with Wm Johnson, Lincoln, Nebraska; Geo. W. Utt, Greenwood, Nebraska, being widow and children of Adam Utt, deceased.

You are hereby notified that in pursuance of an order of Orphan's Court of Columbia county a writ of partition has issued from said Court to the Sheriff of said county, returnable the first Monday of February, A. D. 1897, and that the inquest will meet for the purpose of making partition of the real estate of said decedent on Saturday, the 30th day of January, A. D. 1897, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m., on the premises of Adam Utt, deceased, in Greenwood township, Columbia county, Pa., at which time and place you can attend if you see proper

Chrisman, atty. J. B. McHENRY,
1-7-3t. *Sheriff.*

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In the Orphan's Court of Columbia county, Pa., Estate of Stott E. Colley, late of said county, decd.

The undersigned auditor appointed by said Court to make distribution of the balance remaining in the hands of A. A. Colley, administrator of the said estate, hereby gives notice that he will meet all parties interested for the purposes of his appointment, at his office in Bloomsburg, Pa., on Monday, the 25th day of January, A. D. 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where said parties are required to prove their claims or be debarred from participating in the distribution of said fund.

A. N. YOST,
12-31-ts. *Auditor.*

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of E. J. Cole, late of Jackson twp., decd.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of E. J. Cole, late of Jackson township, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administrator, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to

C. W. Miller, *Atty.*
12-31 6w. D. J. POUST, *Administrator, Orange twp.*

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Sarah C. Reeder, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, to make distribution of the funds in the hands of the executor of the estate of Sarah C. Reeder, deceased, will sit at the office of B. Frank Zarr, in the town of Bloomsburg, Pa., on Thursday, the 28th day of January, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where all parties having claims against said estate must appear and present the same or be debarred from coming in on said fund.

W. A. EVERT,
12-31-3t. *Auditor.*

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned appointed by the Court, to make distribution of the funds in the hand of the Sheriff of Columbia County, realized from the sale of the personal property of Samuel Smith of Fishingcreek township, will sit at his office in the town of Bloomsburg Pa., on Saturday the 30th of January 1897 at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where all parties having claims must appear and present the same or be debarred from coming in on said fund.

ANDREW L. FRITZ,
1-7-4t. *Auditor.*

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of James Johnson, late of Madison township, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of James Johnson, late of Madison township, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administrator de bonis non cum testamento annexo, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to

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Not in the long distant past our criminals ranked among the lowest and ignorant class. Philanthropists theorized that public and popular education would speedily and surely reclaim that class and lift it to a plane of good and useful citizenship. That it was cheaper and more honorable to educate the masses, than to keep at great expense, a certain number of our wayward citizens in penitentiaries, prisons, reformatories, and other places for correction, of incorrogible bad conduct. While public and popular education is a public blessing, and our country boasts of a superior educational machinery and of the great progress it is making among the masses; and the privilege of an education is not denyed to the humblest child, but it is really compelled to avail itself of the privilege of an education; yet, withal, what effect has popular and universal education upon the progress of crime, in arresting its highhanded and defyant sway in our country? The criminal is found today, in all the classes that divide society into social circles high and low. He is found in all the walks of life, from the college Professor to the tramp of either sex. We find the professional criminal alongside the ordinary criminal. Crime in all its phases, lurks in every dark corner. Its deeds are done in secret. Education does not diminish crime, neither in number, purpose nor magnitude. Education is rather the shield behind which crime seeks to hide detection and escape punishment. The deeds of crime are never manifest until after perpetration. Down, deep in the corrupt heart, the conspiracy and plot are formulated and matured, and at the opportune time, the blow is struck, the deed done, and the country shocked at the appalling tragedies that are daily wafted over the country by the newspaper press. Education never has, nor never will diminish crime. The diabolical impulses of the corrupt human heart can never be changed by education alone. The common thief, the forger, the burgler, the swindler, the embezzler, the perjurer, the suicider and murderer are all outlaws—despised criminals, educated in the various degrees of crime; and yet, they are all within the very temple of education whose influence upon crime is felt no more, than a sunbeam is felt upon the Arctic glaciers. But the great wave of crime which is sweeping over the world is said to be a form of insanity. But let justice deal justly and speedily with this form of insanity, and we believe that it will have a more salutary effect upon the progress of crime than education possibly can have. J.

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The meeting of the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association will be held in Harrisburg on the 26th and 27th insts. Chas. Emory Smith and Col. A. K. McClure will deliver addresses.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

Need for Rigid Economy in Expending the State's Finances.

PROPOSAL TO LEVY A TAX ON COAL.

An Effort Will be Made to Compel the Payment of Five Cents on a Ton at the Mines—The Need for Increased Prison Accommodations.

(Special Correspondence.)

HARRISBURG, Jan. 18.—The most important business of the legislature this week is, of course, the formal election of Boies Penrose to succeed J. Donald Cameron in the United States senate. It is scarcely probable that the legislature will accomplish little more than the approval of the committees and the selection of officers in connection with both branches. Much is promised in the way of improved legislation. Many schemes for both public and private benefit will no doubt early appear. Several significant reforms will be proposed and an effort made to enact them into laws.

Among the most important legislation that is needed, in the opinion of some of the members of both branches, will be an act to encourage road improvement throughout the state. The agricultural department has made such strenuous efforts to favor this enterprise that very considerable pressure will be brought to bear from the country districts in this respect.

It is believed that a bill will be offered early in the session providing for an appropriation that will be sufficient to give a start in the direction of securing a great improvement to the roadways of the state The bill to be offered will be prepared with great care, and will embody many valuable features in connection with this class of work, and will provide a just and equitable distribution of the state funds for this special purpose.

Shrinkage of Public Revenues.

The widespread business depression of the past two years has been greatly felt in the shrinkage of the public revenues, as well as in private business, nor are the conditions likely to improve within the next year, unless something is done. This is one of the questions that our lawmakers will have to specially consider. Unless there can be some way devised by which the revenues can be increased the most rigid economy will be required in authorizing public expenditures for the next two fiscal years, or the state treasury will be bankrupt. A general reduction will have to be made in the appropriations to the institutions dependent entirely on the state for support to keep within the limits of the revenues.

The report of State Treasurer Haywood at the close of December showed a balance in the general fund of $3,724,829. Against this, the moneys owing the school districts, hospitals, penitentaries and the salaries of state officials must be paid when they become due. There is still $3,000,000 of the school appropriation unpaid; while $1,500,000 must be returned to the counties in personal property tax. These two items aggregate alone $4,500,000, or nearly $1,000,000 in excess of the balance in the treasury.

The increase in the appropriation for school purposes of from $2,000,000 in 1890 to $5,500,000 since, which sum amounts to more than half of the revenues of the state, accounts in a large measure for the drain upon the treasury.

The revenues of the next fiscal year, it is claimed, will not be as large as they were during the past year, when they amounted, in round numbers, to $10,000,000. Of this, however, nearly $1,000,000 was derived by the collection of taxes due the state by delinquent corporations, which in some instances were in arrears to the state in their taxes for several years; but the state will not have this resource to draw upon in 1897.

Proposal to Levy a Tax on Coal.

An effort will be made to enact a law this winter that will put a tax on anthracite coal of five cents per ton at the mines, the tax to be paid by the mine owners when the coal is shipped to market. By the provision of this bill the payments would be made to the state monthly, or semi-monthly. This would afford immediate relief to the treasury. Were this tax levied the amount realized by the state would aggregate over $250,000.

Another source of revenue that will be considered is an effort to increase the tax on the actual value of the capital stock of insurance companies. It is proposed to increase this tax from three mills, now paid by them, to eight mills. This would make the tax uniform.

Several other plans are being considered which will be presented to the legislature during the session, by which a greater revenue can be secured. But with the best that can be done under prevailing conditions, the utmost economy will have to be exercised.

One of the most important subjects that will claim the attention of the present legislature is the overcrowded condition of our hospitals for the insane and penitentiaries. This was emphasized by the governor in his last annual message. The condition of affairs demands the special attention of the lawmaking bodies, as some solution will have to be made of this problem or there will be no further room to incarcerate the violators of law. Just what action will be taken it is difficult to foresee.

To build or not to build a new penitentiary, involving an expenditure of about $5,000,000, and from four to five years time consumed to complete the same, are the questions that are being considered at the present time. It is thought by some of the members not to be economy to build additions to the present buildings, but that it would be much better to select some point in the central part of the state and there erect new buildings.

Attorney General Needs a Deputy.

Attorney General McCormick, who has been a most industrious and valuable official in this capacity, has given out that an additional deputy is required in his department. And he says, furthermore, that the commonwealth would profit very largely by the creation of this new office. He says: "In addition to the work involved in this large volume of business, the usual proceedings by mandamus and suits against insolvent insurance companies and building and loan associations, have greatly increased the work of the office."

The collections made during the first half of General McCormick's term foot up $845,211.16, of which $21,738.22 were commissions paid by defendants. The governor will approve of the creation of an additional deputy attorney general. This is one of the few new offices that the executive will allow. He has given notice that he will permit no more new offices, except a chief mine inspector and a bureau of geology, with a competent head, to take the place of the geological survey commission, which recently passed out of existence. The governor is opposed to any increase in salaries of officials.

It has recently come to the notice of the agricultural department that a firm doing business outside of the state is working a sly game to market their goods contrary to the laws of the state. This firm manufactures a cheap grade of acid vinegar, compounded and colored in such a manner as to pass as pure cider vinegar. Their plan is to send from two to three barrels to merchants in different parts of the state, and they afterwards write to the merchants saying that this shipment was sent in mistake; but since the goods are there, if they will remit them a certain amount, which is a very low price, they can have the goods. In this way they are likely to get a number of business men into trouble, as the state is determined to bring to justice all violators of the law in this respect.

Andrews Doesn't Want the Chairmanship.

Senator William H. Andrews will not be a candidate for chairman of the state Republican committee, and Deputy Attorney General Elkin will in all probability accept another term.

Adjutant General Stewart is having trouble to secure quarters for the National Guard at Washington during the inauguration of McKinley, but in spite of the discouraging outlook at present he is confident that quarters will eventually be secured.

The three hundred patriotic applicants for positions are still carrying on a vigorous effort to get places in the different departments of the legislature, and as there are only sixty places to fill there will be many of them disappointed. It is likely that an agreement will be made early in the week as to who will be entitled to the several positions.

Various opinions are given as to the object of the visit of United States Senator Quay and State Senator Penrose to Canton on Saturday. Some think they went in the interest of Senator Cameron for either a position in McKinley's cabinet or to secure for him the appointment as ambassador to some foreign country, while others are of the opinion that they went to secure a place in the cabinet for Governor Hastings. This visit is believed to be one of much significance.

State Senator Penrose, it is thought, will not resign immediately, but will retain his place until his services are required at Washington.

Senator Coyle, of Schuylkill, will shortly introduce a bill providing that a license fee of $100 shall be paid for each buffet and dining car in which liquid refreshments are served to travelers. Mr. Coyle, in speaking of the measure, said: "These companies owe the state hundreds of thousands of dollars for the privileges they have taken without even saying 'thank you.' In my county, if a man becomes crippled and can no longer work, and sells a drink of cheap whisky he is promptly fined and imprisoned. He should have just as much authority as these corporations." In New York a tax of $200 is placed on each car in which wines and liquors are sold.

Favors the Personal Tax Law Repeal.

State Treasurer Haywood is in favor of the repeal of the personal tax law as it is collected by the counties, for the state and commonwealth has to return three-fourths of it. The amount to be returned this year will be about $1,800,000. It is his opinion, also, that $1,000,000 might be cut off of the school appropriations. It was put on to put the text book law into operation. Inasmuch as this act has been working for several years, most of the schools have been supplied with books, and the extra money is not needed. He believes this to be a good plan to reduce the expenses of the state.

The contract for state printing will be let on the 26th inst. by the secretary of the commonwealth.

The improvements around the capitol are about completed, and are in every way ornamental and creditable.

Senator Coyle's bill to create a mining commission will be opposed by the state officials on account of the expense incurred.

A bill will be introduced this session to dispose of the present method of executing criminals by hanging. This provides that an air tight cell shall be arranged, and the murderer shall be executed without his knowledge, for some night when he lies down to go to sleep carbonic acid gas will be turned into the apartment, which will accomplish the work speedily and effectually. This bill, it is thought, will have a large support.

The state, in its efforts to collect the sum of $2,350.58 which it is claimed is due as penalties imposed in the collection of delinquent and mercantile taxes, will likely meet with opposition by the Philadelphia authorities, as they claim the money is due and belongs to the county of Philadelphia, while the commonwealth claims it belongs to the state. A suit will no doubt result between the state and city.

Proposed Anti-Treating Law.

Representative William W. McElheny, of Pittsburg, has prepared a bill against the "treating habit," which he will soon present. The title of this proposed law is: "An act to prohibit any person or persons from paying for or promising to pay for, any spirituous, vinous, malt or brewed liquor, or any admixture thereof that was, or is to be supplied, furnished or delivered to or for the use of any other person or persons," and it applies to barkeepers furnishing such drinks as well as consumers buying. It is further provided that it be unlawful for any person to offer to pay for any food "of whatever kind, with which liquor is or may be supplied or given away, for the use of any other person." The punishment provided for violation of this law is a fine of not more than $100 nor less than $25, or an imprisonment of not more than six months or less than one month or both. Representative McElheny has long considered the habit of treating, especially that of indiscrimate treating, as a great evil, and thinks it should be stopped.

A new senate bill will make it obligatory upon a member introducing a bill to file a certified copy of the same with the clerk, which shall at once be available for examination by the press and public, while the original goes at once to the chairman of the proper committee. This will no doubt meet the charges of surreptitious introduction of measures in which the public are specially interested.

Senator McCarrell, speaker of the senate pro tem., is of the opinion that the committees of the senate and house may not be announced before next week, owing to some additional committees which are likely to be appointed for the senate.

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Men's lined gloves, 24c, 48c to 85c.

Scotch knit gloves, 20c, 28c, 35c pair.

Heavy mittens for men, 24c and 35c pair.

Smyrna rugs, 26x54 in. and Japanese jute rugs, 1½ yds. long, special price, $1.29.

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Felt shades on spring rollers, 2 for 25c.

Chenille curtains, $2.39, $2.98, $3.50 pair.

Lace curtains, 38c, 69c to $1.25 pair.

Turkish bath towels, 5c and 10c each.

Turkish wash rags, 2c each.

New lot of fringed towels at 5c, 8c, 10c, 14, 19c each.

Bleach canton flannel worth 10c, at 7c yard.

Extra wide Rustle lining, 12c yard.

Curtain scrim, 4½c yard.

Ticking, 5c, 10c, 13c yard.

Turkey red table damask, 15c yard.

Fast color red bordered, unbleached linen damask, 25c yd.

50 in. blue storm serge, 20c yard.

House Furnishings.

Flour sifters, 10c each.

Egg whips, 2c each.

Fire shovels, 5c each.

Coffee pots, 8c, 10c each.

10 qt. tin pails, 10c each.

10 qt. galvanized pails, 19c each.

5 qt. tin pails, 7c each.

Dippers, 4c, 5c each.

Dinner buckets, 24c each.

Wash basins, 4c each.

Pudding pans, 3c, 4c, 5c each.

Enameled Steel Ware.

Dish pans, 50c each.

Coffee pots, 35c, 38c, 44c, 48c, 52c each.

Covered pails, 2, 3 and 4 qt. at 22c, 26c, 32c each.

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